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Harivansh re-elected RS deputy chairman

New Delhi: NDA nominee Harivansh Narayan Singh was on Monday re-elected as Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha. Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu declared him elected after a motion moved by BJP president J P Nadda, and seconded by Leader of the House Thaawar-chand Gehlot, was carried by a voice vote. Opposition parties had moved motions for electing RJD's Manoj Kumar Jha. **P11**

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ORACLE BEATS MICROSOFT IN BID FOR TIKTOK'S U.S. OPS

ByteDance, the Chinese owner of the popular TikTok app, has chosen Oracle as its 'trusted tech partner' in the US

DID NEW CHINESE LAW SCUTTLE MS'S BID?

Analysts say a new Chinese law that bars TikTok from transferring its technology to a foreign buyer without Beijing's sanction may have helped scuttle Microsoft's bid. ByteDance had on Sunday said it won't sell TikTok's algorithm. However, Microsoft was keen on having a full control over the algorithm to "prevent China from using the app to snoop on Americans"

PARTNERSHIP, NOT OUTRIGHT SALE: WSJ

- The deal between ByteDance and Oracle is being structured as a partnership and probably won't be an outright sale, *The Wall Street Journal* reported, citing unnamed sources
- China's state-owned media reported on Monday that ByteDance will not sell TikTok's American operations to Oracle | **P13**

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DEADLINE TO SELL TIKTOK'S U.S. OPERATIONS TO AN AMERCIAN FIRM

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LIFELINE FOR SMALL BIZ

CENTRE ORDERS 500 BIG FIRMS TO CLEAR MSME DUES

SESA SEN @ New Delhi

AFTER cracking the whip on Central and State public-sector enterprises, the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises on Monday directed large private firms to clear their dues to small businesses on priority.

Citing legal provisions under MSME Development Act, the Nitin Gadkari-led ministry shot off letters to the heads of 500 big companies seeking immediate release of funds to the cash-starved vendors as the 75-day lockdown tipped them over the edge.

What the law says

According to the MSME Development Act, 2006, dues to MSMEs must be cleared within 45 days of the acceptance of the goods / service rendered

Many MSMEs are struggling to keep business afloat amid no demand and consumers conserving cash in an uncertain world.

"Many MSMEs are doing business with big corporate groups. However, the payments are not coming from buyers and users of their goods and services. These payments are very important for MSME operations, sustenance of jobs and other economic activities at the grassroots level. This will ultimately benefit the entire economy," the MSME ministry said.

While the exact quantum of money owed to MSMEs is not readily available, the government-run MSME Samadhaan website, meant to monitor delayed payments to the MSME sector, shows that 54,241 cases involving dues of ₹15,846 crore have been filed by MSMEs in facilitation / arbitration councils so far.

Out of this, 3,910 cases with dues of ₹715.4 crore have been settled while 21,462 are scheduled to be heard after 15 days. Also, 9,314 applications have been rejected while 4,764 have been settled with the buyer.

Central public sector firms owe a whopping ₹2,650.63 crore to MSMEs while state PSUs collectively owe ₹1,608.92 crore.

"Around ₹10,000 crore has been paid by CPSEs," the MSME ministry said, while urging states to clear payments pronto.

The ministry now plans to take up the matter with other big firms through social media. It reminded corporates that they are mandated to file half-yearly returns with the corporate affairs ministry on their MSME dues.

The ministry also asked entities having more than ₹500 crore turnover to come on board the Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS) to improve cash flow to MSMEs. TReDS is an online platform that facilitates financing of trade receivables of MSMEs through multiple financiers.

Oppn raises slew of issues during Zero Hour

LAC tension, NEET and GST compensation flagged; govt pushes its legislative business

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

THE first day of the Lok Sabha's monsoon session saw the Opposition using Zero Hour to raise a host of issues, including students' suicide amid the NEET exams, LAC tension and non-payment of GST compensation to states. On the treasury side, the government introduced a number of legislations and got approval for a couple of them.

Speaker Om Birla rejected adjournment motions moved by Leader of Congress in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury and party MP K Suresh, who sought urgent discussions on the Chinese incursions in east Ladakh. While Chowdhury attempted to raise it, Birla said he could speak when the House takes up discussions on the matter.

In his brief remarks, Chowdhury saw in the incursions China's conspiracy to occupy 1,100 km of Indian land from Ladakh to Arunachal Pradesh. He sought a clear reply from Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

Nationalist Congress Party MP Supriya Sule drew attention of Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to the wobbling economy and unemployment situation. "The biggest challenge right now in the country is the state of the economy and unemployment," she said.

Leader of the DMK in the House T R Baalu raised the issue of 12 students from rural backgrounds who had allegedly committed suicide due to the NEET exams for admission to undergraduate medical courses. "Within a month of the school exams, they had to appear for NEET. They were all bright students," said Baalu.

The Lok Sabha passed two bills — The National Commission for Homeopathy Bill, 2020 and The National Commission for Indian System of Medicine Bill, 2020 — after brief discussions. The Opposition charged that the government was rushing with legislations without addressing concerns of stakeholders. Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan rebutted it, saying the recommendations of parliamentary standing committee on the legislations have been incorporated.

The BJP and the Trinamool Congress members renewed their rivalries after veteran member Saugata Roy commented on the finance minister and Union minister Pralhad Joshi demanded an apology. The remark was later expunged.

The bills introduced in the Lok Sabha include a proposal to bring cooperative banks under the supervision of the RBI, with Sitharaman giving details of the extent of the NPAs. **P11**

MSP mechanism to stay, says govt

Amid Opposition protest over introduction of agrarian legislations, the Centre on Monday said the Minimum Support Price mechanism will stay irrespective of recommendations of experts. The government introduced three legislations pertaining to the farm sector

Prime Minister Narendra Modi pays tribute to former President Pranab Mukherjee and others who passed away recently, in Parliament on Monday | PTI

POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE?

The integrity of the RT-PCR tests was put under the microscope as Rashtriya Loktantrik Party (RLP) convenor and Nagaur MP Hanuman Beniwal tested positive in Delhi but negative in Jaipur. "I got myself tested for COVID-19 on the Lok Sabha premises. It was positive. Afterwards, I got the corona test done in Jaipur's SMS hospital, which showed the result as negative. Which is accurate?" he wondered on Twitter

29 MPs test +ve on Day 1

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@ New Delhi

CLOSE to 30 MPs and about 50 employees of the parliamentary secretariat tested positive for Covid-19 on the opening day of Parliament on Monday.

While 17 Lok Sabha MPs were found infected — 12 from BJP, two YRS Congress, and one each from the Shiv Sena, DMK and RLP — 12 Rajya Sabha members tested positive — two each from BJP and Congress and one each from AIADMK, TRS, AAP and Trinamool Congress.

All Covid protocols like social distancing, usage of masks and sanitisers were observed on Day 1 of Parliament.

While close to 200 members were in attendance in the Lok Sabha chamber, over 30 were seated in the visitors' gallery above the main chamber.

BJP MP Meenakshi Lekhi took to Twitter, saying, "After the routine Parliament test for COVID & genome test it's confirmed that I have tested positive for the virus." Another MP Jamyang Tsering Namagyal wrote, "My health is fine but I'm being advised to quarantine." Others infected include Suresh Angadi, Anant Kumar Hegde, Deepender Singh Hooda, A Navneethakrishnan, Sushil Gupta, Ashok Gasti and V Lakshmikantha Rao.

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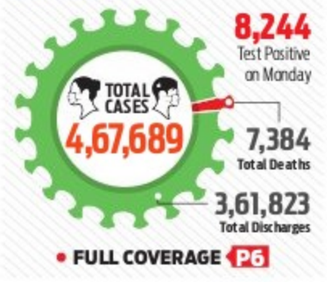
KARNATAKA COVID BATTLE



FULL COVERAGE **P6**

Govt docs go on strike from today

In all, 4,968 government doctors working at healthcare facilities run by the Health and Family Welfare Department are going on strike from Tuesday by stopping release of data of Covid patients. The doctors had demanded pay parity with their counterparts in Medical Education Department or pay revision as per the Central Government Health Scheme, but it was not met. **P6**

No data on migrant deaths during lockdown: Centre

PUSHKAR BANAKAR @ New Delhi

THE Centre on Monday told Parliament that it does not have any data on the number of migrant workers who died during the 68-day lockdown, but said about 1.04 crore workers travelled back to their hometowns during the period.

Replying to a question in Lok Sabha, the government also said no compensation has so far been paid to the relatives of the migrant workers who lost their lives during the lockdown.

Though the Centre says it does not have data on deaths of migrant workers, the Railway Protection Force had revealed in May that at least 80 migrants died on Shramik special trains alone. Many NGOs have also put together data on migrant worker deaths during lockdown.

The SaveLife Foundation, an NGO working for road safety, on May 31 said, 198 migrant workers have died in road accidents.

"It is shocking that the government says it does not have the data on migrant deaths. It was all over the papers. We have seen reports by independent organisations. Everyone knows there was a crisis," said a former IIM-A professor, who wished not to be named.

A senior official of SHRAM, an NGO, said, "It's shocking that the government did not bother to collect data on this."

Responding to a question on the status of migrant workers in Tamil Nadu, the Centre said, "India, as a nation, has responded through the Central and state governments, SHGs, RWAs, medical health professionals, sanitation workers as well as several genuine and bonafide NGOs in the nation's fight against the unprecedented humanitarian crisis due to Covid-19 and the country-wide lockdown."

Same-sex marriage not part of Indian culture: S-G to HC

KANU SARDA @ New Delhi

SAME-sex marriages are neither part of Indian culture nor a part of the law, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta told the Delhi High Court on Monday while opposing a public interest litigation (PIL) demanding marriage rights for the gay community under the Hindu Marriage Act.

The court was hearing a PIL filed by four members of the LGBTQ community — Abhijit Iyer Mitra, Gopi Shankar M, Giti Thadani and G Oorvasi — contending that even after the Supreme Court decriminalised consensual homosexual acts, marriage between same-sex couples is still not possible.

The submission by Mehta was made during a hearing before a bench comprising Delhi High Court Chief Justice D N Patel and Justice Prateek Jalan.

Mehta challenged the petitioners' contention that the Hindu Marriage Act does not distinguish between heterosexual and homosexual marriages since it doesn't describe marriage as a union between man and woman, but only two Hindus.

He said the relief sought by the petitioners cannot be granted unless several laws of the land are altered.

Justice Jalan said changes have taken place across the world and when two men marry in a foreign country, neither is considered a wife.

IMA SCAM

Nod to prosecute 2 IPS officers, 3 others

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka government has accorded sanction to the CBI for the prosecution of two senior IPS officers and three other police personnel in the I-Monetary Advisory (IMA) multi-crore scam. The IMA has allegedly duped thousands of people in the name of 'Halal' investment.

In its order on September 9, the government gave its nod for the prosecution of Hemant Nimbalkar, the then IGP, Economic Offences, CID, and Ajay Hilori, the then DCP (Bengaluru East Division). Nimbalkar is now serving as Additional Commissioner of Police (Administration), Bengaluru City, while Hilori is posted as SP, KSRP. **P9**

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Ashok Gehlot, Chief Minister

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BBMP delimitation: 4 out of 5 former mayors lose their turf

Leaders, all from Congress, cry foul, claim state govt did this on purpose

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

FOUR former Bengaluru mayors, all from Congress, will not be able to seek reelection from the wards they represented at the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Council earlier as the reservation categories of their wards have been changed. The civic body's term ended last week and the State Government announced the draft of reservation category for wards on Monday.

While the four former mayors will not be able to contest from their earlier wards with the change in the reservation category, the description of the ward represented by the former BJP mayor has remained the same, Congress leaders pointed out.

The reservation category of Madiwala ward, represented by Manjunath Reddy, and DJ Halli ward, held by Sampath Raj, has been changed to woman (general), ruling both out from contesting the election from their wards. In March this year, the State Government had announced a new list of 198 wards, where many wards in core Bengaluru were merged and new ones were created in the city's periphery. Former Congress mayor Padmavathi's Prakashnagar ward and her successor Gangambike Mallikarjun's Jayanagar ward were merged with neighbouring areas. This also meant that these two former mayors cannot contest from their wards.

Gangambike said her ward has been divided and merged with Siddapura and VV Puram wards, both reserved for woman (general) category. "I can contest from any of these two wards, but it is sad that my ward does not exist anymore. The state government has done it on purpose," she said. Padmavathi too blamed the government for the loss of her ward, which has been divided between Dayanadanagar and Ramamandir.

Sources in the Urban Development Department said that irrespective of the government in place, they always try to place hurdles for strong opposition candidates to make way for their own party workers. "It happened during the previous government and it is happening now," they said.

Suggestions and objections over the draft reservation list can be submitted to the Bengaluru Urban Deputy Commissioner's office within seven days.

The State Government in August 2020 constituted a Joint Select Committee to look into the BBMP Bill 2020. The committee has requested two more months to submit the report and the Speaker has given time till November 10. There is a proposal to increase the number of wards from the existing 198 to 225 or 400 wards.

V Ravichander, who was part of the BBMP Restructuring Committee, said as per the existing law, the delimitation should be restricted to within 200 wards. This will be the basis for the BBMP elections in the near term. "However, if a new BBMP Bill is passed with increased wards, and one hopes it is 400 and not 225, the delimitation and reservation exercise has to be redone before the polls," he said.

35,266 Commuters took the Metro on Monday, the largest footfall since services resumed

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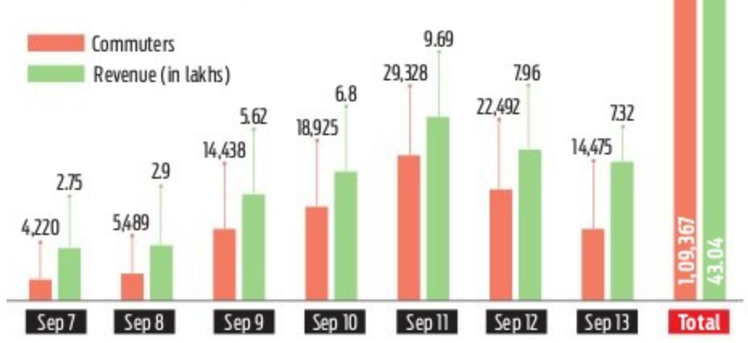
Ajay Seth, Managing Director, BMRCL

A WEEK ON THE TRACKS...

It's been a week (September 7 to 13) since Namma Metro services resumed with all Covid safety precautions in place. After a slow start, commuters were quick to give the thumbs up to reopening the service. Here's a look



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Sept 9 & 10
On both the Purple Line and Green Line (Yelachenahalli to Nagasandra), trains ran for 6 hours from 8 to 11 am and 4.30 pm to 7.30 pm

Sept 11 onwards
Trains ran for 14 hours from 7 am to 9 pm on both the lines

TROUBLED WATERS

Double whammy: Rain, stored rainwater flooded Bengaluru

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

A key reason for the flooding and waterlogging that wreaked havoc on the streets of Bengaluru last week, is the total disregard for rainwater harvesting laws, and the fact that water comes cheap. This is the view expressed by Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) officials and a water management expert.

BWSSB made rain water harvesting (RWH) compulsory through the Rain Water Harvesting Act, as a measure to save water for non-potable use, and also manage excess rain. As per a gazette notification in February 2016, all new buildings on 30x40 sqft and bigger sites, and old buildings on 40x60 sqft and bigger sites, need to install RWH units to store rainwater, or pay a fine. It also mandates storing the water in rooftop tanks or sumps, and connecting it through pipelines for washing and flushing purposes.

BWSSB Chairman N Jayaram told TNIE, "The structures are in place but the stored water is neither being used in homes nor to recharge the groundwater table. Instead, it is let into the BWSSB's sewage network, choking and flooding the system. This compounded the problems caused by rain last week."

A penalty is levied for non-installation of the RWH unit -- 50% of water bill for residential units, and 100% for commercial establishments -- but people pay the penalty and continue to violate norms, Jayaram said.

A R Shivakumar, scientist and water management expert, feels the price of water is too cheap, encouraging people to waste the resource. "A kilolitre of Cauvery water is charged Rs 7-8 by the Water Board. That's 1,000 Bisleri bottles for Rs 8. Why will anyone use rainwater?" he asked. "The penalty levied is also a minor amount. Only 1.25 lakh households have installed RWH units," he added.

Stringent checks must happen, he added. "Meter readers need to check a fixed number of houses every month, and usage of rainwater," Shivakumar said.

The construction of basements, particularly in low-lying areas, leads to accumulation of rainwater, and more havoc, Shivakumar said, calling for a ban on basement construction.

Hebbal residents are living in fear of their homes getting flooded, as the storm water drain in the area is filled to the brim | EXPRESS

Hebbal residents feel drained due to the drain

PREEJA PRASAD @Bengaluru

IT'S sleepless nights for residents of Hebbal as they fear water entering their houses any day during the monsoon season. This is because the Hebbal Storm Water Drain (SWD) is filled to the brim and is likely to overflow if the rainfall persists in the next couple of days.

"The water had flowed back and came to our side since the drain has no outlet. We were all awake the entire night recently. The water on the road was knee-high. We constructed our house four years back and have been facing this problem. The SWD water would've entered our house if it rained a bit more. In our area, two-three houses have already been flooded. Right now, the authorities are constructing the side drain but there is no outlet. Raising the wall is the solution to our problem," says Ajith Kumar, a resident whose house is 50 metres away from the SWD.

The water had flowed back to our side since the drain has no outlet. We were awake all night recently. The water on the road was knee-high

Ajith Kumar, Hebbal resident

Devika Sreekumar, another resident said, "We have seen the ferocity of the water flow in the Main SWD valley which came up to the brim. Thankfully, it didn't overflow. The cause of the flooding is porous borders (Hebbal Lake), low height of the wall of drains and waste dumped into the drain. Hebbal Valley carries water from Yeshwatpur, Vidyarayanpura, GKVK and connects to Nagwara Lake and in turn Hennur. For the past six-seven years, the residents of Balaji Layout- Hebbal Sarovara Layout have been suffering as the backwaters hit their areas."

The residents have sent a letter to the BBMP Commissioner and the Chief Engineer SWD stating that as the SWD is an open drain, waste is being dumped in it. The letter also points out a high court order to the Urban Development Department which states that walls of SWDs need to be raised by September this year.

BBMP Commissioner N Manjunatha Prasad, however, said, "With 50-100 mm rainfall, the SWD will overflow because these drains were not designed to withstand such weather. Raising the wall is not the solution. The waste encroachment will have to be cleared."

Srinivas Prasanna, Assistant Engineer of SWD, said he was not aware of the petition sent to the BBMP officials but added that he will resolve the issue.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

15th September: We're discovering new types of bodies in the solar system all the time. Amongst them are the Centaurs, gigantic lumps of rock which have wild orbits and mythical names. The most important of these, Chiron, is currently encouraging bright ideas across the board. That's good, then!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
In so many ways and in so many areas of your life, you show a unique capacity to turn circumstances to your advantage. Yet, now, perhaps for the first time, it seems that you have temporarily lost control. Ironically, this may be no bad thing. Allow a little chaos into your life, and you'll be flooded with fresh opportunities.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Today's lunar alignment is designed to boost your psychological immune system, protecting you from whatever fate may throw at you. It should even be enough to get you through the week's domestic tension and family meetings. Your romantic mood is scheduled for a welcome shift later in the week, so take it easy for now.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
There is no question that financial pressure is intense, yet not all of you are passing through a cash crisis. Others are still buoyed up by an innate optimism and determination to succeed. It could be Friday before confusion or chaos is cleared up so, until then, you may want to leave vital matters to the experts.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
If ever there was a time to use your imagination, trust your intuition and amaze everyone with your breadth of vision, it is now, just as the planets are completing an inspired ten-year cycle. Don't worry about the confusion which seems to be coming into view, like some hazy sea-mist. It brings its own pleasantries and pleasures.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Passions run high, but bearing in mind that love and hate are two sides of the same coin, the question is - which way will you jump? It is impossible to escape the fact that the wise will take the path of love. Within two weeks Venus, bringer of affection and ruler of seduction, will be safely in a fresh part of your chart.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
You should be ready to change the direction of your life. At any rate, the motivation to implement a number of positive improvements in your lifestyle is now pressing. Social contacts may strengthen your resolve, yet you should keep your diary relatively free and open to last-minute arrangements.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
A stroke of financial good luck should come as some compensation for the stress and strain of recent times. At least you can now see that your professional ambitions are likely to work out. A legal or marital matter moves to the top of your agenda, so see to it that whatever agreements are reached are in your favour.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
You can afford to be confident now that the Moon shifts the balance firmly in your favour. Plus, a superb relationship between the Sun and your sign ought to get matters moving and enable you to exercise considerably more influence over your affairs than in the recent past. Do protect yourself against accusations or excessive demands from employers.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Your spirit will be lifted by certain key developments. Specifically, you may be the fortunate recipient of a financial windfall, possibly one whose source is far from clear. Secret, generous gestures will work in your favour, and you'll soon come to realise that giving and taking work well together!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
There's still no let-up from dynamic planetary aspects. What can be said, though, is that the key to success or failure lies totally in your own capacity to organise your priorities and arrange your affairs. If recent events have taught you anything, it is that in the final analysis, you are in control.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
So much has been concealed from you over the past few weeks that you may have given up hope of ever uncovering the answer to a particular question. Concentrate on what you can do to improve working conditions and don't let pessimistic people put you off.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
When the Moon forms spectacular relationships with other planets, as it does with excitable Uranus, Saturn and intense Pluto, you are bound to benefit. You will begin to wonder why you ever lacked confidence or doubted your ability to succeed either socially or professionally. The world lies at your feet, Pisces!

THE PHANTOM

THESE THINGS I SAW AND HEARD IN THE LLONGO "WOODS THAT MAKE MEN MAD"....
WERE THEY MERE HALLUCINATIONS? NONSENSE! I CAN FREELY DISMISS?
OR WERE THEY A MESSAGE.... FROM ME.... TO ME?
DE PAUL + WHALEY
Falk 7/14

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

BLONDIE

DAGWOOD, WAKE UP! I THINK YOU SLEEP-TEXTED ME DURING THE NIGHT
WHAT DID I SAY?
AT LEAST THIS EXPLAINS THE CRAZY DREAM I HAD LAST NIGHT
SKNXX-X!
SO I GUESS THAT ALSO EXPLAINS HIS 2ND MESSAGE
Blondie! ZZZZZZ!

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SUDOKU

8	3					7		2
6	1	2		3			5	
2	8	5	6					
			1		7			
					5	6	8	3
	5			2		4	6	7
4		7					2	9

HARD

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

8	7	9	2	6	5	1	4	3
5	1	4	7	9	3	2	6	8
2	3	6	4	1	8	7	9	5
6	4	3	8	2	1	5	7	9
1	8	7	5	3	9	4	2	6
9	5	2	6	7	4	8	3	1
4	6	1	9	8	2	3	5	7
3	9	5	1	4	7	6	8	2
7	2	8	3	5	6	9	1	4

JUMBLE — THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

RLEDE

EEOLP

CLIEOP

LOSNDU

You'll feel the fish biting.
Then I retract the line?
Can you even eat fish?
THE ANDROID LEARNED TO FISH BY SURROUNDING HIMSELF WITH ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

"_____"

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: TIBIA WOULD UTMOST HOPPER
Answer: The attic was becoming cluttered, and his wife was no longer going to — PUT UP WITH IT

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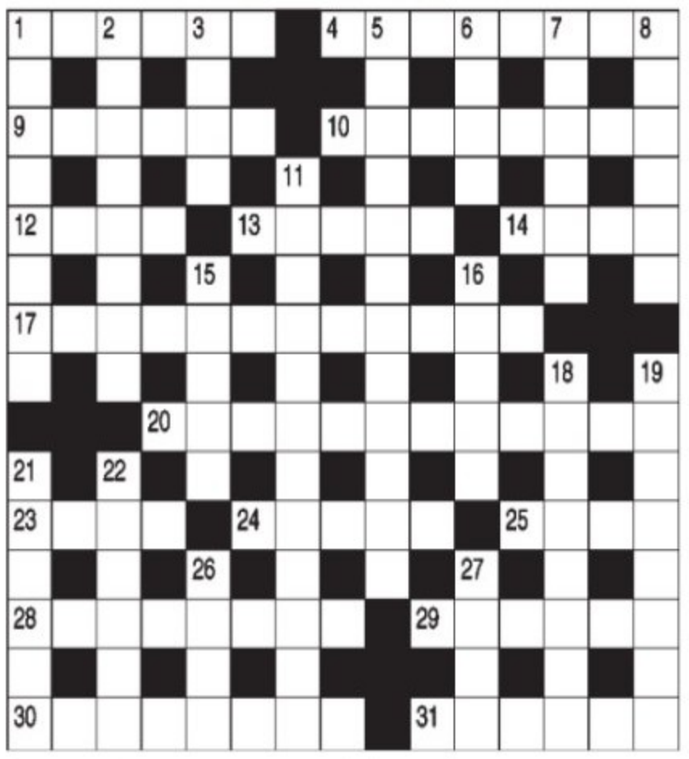
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Jump in the well (6)
4 Prank ceased being funny when father came in (8)
9 One type of fan club (6)
10 Not a visitor I'd outwardly object to (8)
12 Find fault with the price (4)
13 Summonses arising out of a broken wrist (5)
14 Sign of a blow in a garden tool (4)
17 Warm water to them is a vital necessity (8,4)
20 Profession in which people are sure to take an interest (12)
23 Crackers - or what they're required for? (4)
24 Begins to enjoy writing on battles (5)
25 Mediocre appeal for help and love (2-2)
28 Rode round and round giving commands (8)
29 Headgear that involves work (3,3)
30 Lunar settlement? (8)
31 Lyrical writer gets the twitch (6)

DOWN

1 A group of society women (8)
2 Turning a list into new form (8)
3 He ruled in one Roman era (4)
5 A result of smoking in bed? (5,2,5)
6 What's it like in the Kalahari Desert? (4)
7 Fish cooked inside and covered in oil (6)
8 Note condition of property (6)
11 As in pre-stage make up? (12)
15 Half a minute or less (5)
16 Employing uniformed soldiers in New Guinea initially (5)
18 A wounding glance maybe (8)
19 In a religious sense he believes in coasting freely (8)
21 Fit to tell (6)
22 You may find a working model in it (6)
26 Source of power on the American football field (4)
27 Famous Venetian game (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Jeans, 4 Flouted, 8 Cos, 9 Intestacy, 10 Dosages, 11 Get-up, 13 Wraith, 15 Staple, 18 Baton, 19 Allured, 21 Smugglers, 23 Wan, 24 Elector, 25 Tarts.

Down: 1 Jackdaw, 2 Assistant, 3 Sling, 4 Fetish, 5 On sight, 6 Tea, 7 Dry up, 12 Top drawer, 14 Tonight, 16 Endings, 17 Career, 18 Baste, 20 Liszt, 22 Use.

A special National Investigation Agency court has dismissed the bail petition of Asim Shariff, district president of the Popular Front of India, who has been in judicial custody since 2016 in connection with the murder of RSS worker Rudresh

Jarkiholi off to New Delhi again, 3rd visit in six weeks

ANUSHA RAVI @Bengaluru

AHEAD of the legislative assembly session in Karnataka and impending cabinet expansion and rejig, Water Resources Minister Ramesh Jarkiholi is set to visit New Delhi. This will be his third visit to the national capital in less than six weeks.

This time around, Jarkiholi has timed his New Delhi visit to correspond with Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa's expected meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union ministers and the BJP central leadership. On his official tour plan, meeting Union Minister for Environment, Forests and Ecology Prakash Javadekar over the Mekedatu balancing reservoir project will be the priority.

Ramesh Jarkiholi on Monday visited the proposed project site at Ramanagara district's Hanoor and Muggoor forest range. A detailed project report for the Rs 9,000-crore initiative is ready and awaiting final clearances, he said. "I will meet Union Minister Prakash Javadekar and push for clearances from the environment and forest departments," Jarkiholi told reporters after inspecting the site. He added that he would be visiting New Delhi to request the Centre to expedite clearances. The minister's office said he is scheduled to travel on Wednesday and meet various leaders, till Friday.

BJP Sources suggest that Jarkiholi is lobbying for the post of DyCM, which was 'assured' to him before he joined the BJP last year. He visited the national capital on August 2 and August 14.

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa holds a meeting with Cooperation Minister S T Somashekar and others on Monday | EXPRESS

Labour laws, Dasara on Cabinet agenda today

Meeting advanced to accomodate CM's visit to Delhi on Sept 17

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AHEAD of his Delhi visit to discuss the cabinet expansion with the party central leadership, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa will hold a cabinet meeting on Tuesday. Normally, the state government holds the cabinet meeting on Thursdays, but this time around it has been advanced to accommodate the CM's visit to the national capital.

Among other issues, the cabinet will take up certain amendments to labour laws of the state. On the agenda is the issue of amendments to Karnataka court fees and charges, and the appointment of senior prosecutors to the Lokayukta.

As part of the preparations for the Dasara festival, it is expected to take up the replacement of streetlights with LED lamps in Mysuru city through PPP model at a cost of Rs 109 crore.The other issues to be discussed include permission for works at the Agara tank to put up a 35 MLD pipeline and 15 MLD from Hulimavu and Chikkabeguru STP, and allocation of land to institutions in various places, including Bengaluru Rural district, Harihar and Hassan.

The CM will visit Kalaburagi on Thursday to attend a function to mark the first anniversary of the setting up of the Kalyana Karnataka Development Board. From there, he will take a special flight to Delhi. Karnataka Bhavan has been informed and the CMO confirmed the CM's appointments at Delhi to meet the BJP top brass.

Protest rally on Sept 21

Members of various associations will take out a protest rally against the state government's decision to amend the Karnataka Land Reforms Act, the AMPC Act and Labour Laws, in Bengaluru on September 21, when the legislature session is set to start.

Karnataka Agriculture Price Commission former chairman Prakash Kammardi, Karnataka State Sugarcane Growers Association president Kuruburu Shantakumar and representatives of various associations on Monday said that they will also hold a "parallel janata session" at Freedom Park to discuss various issues related to farmers and workers.

FARMERS TO GET ₹3L INTEREST-FREE LOANS

The State government on Monday issued an order to release interest-free agricultural loans of up to Rs 3 lakh to farmers from district cooperative credit banks, and other related cooperative banks. A circular issued by Registrar of Cooperative Societies, S Ziyaullah, said that this year, the target is to give Rs 14,500 crore in loans to 24.5 lakh farmers under various schemes, and this was decided in May this year. Cooperative banks were told not to physically hand over the loan money to beneficiaries, but to disburse the funds using RuPay cards. This scheme, is, however, not applicable to government employees or those working for government-aided institutions, or anyone who gets Rs 20,000 as salary or pension, or to those who have not been paying tax for the past three years. They are not eligible to avail the loan," the circular said. One family can avail not more than Rs 3 lakh, and has to submit copies of documents like ration card and Aadhaar card. For details, contact 080-22256146.

Surjewala likely to take charge in Oct

BANSY KALAPPA @Bengaluru

NEWLY-appointed AICC General Secretary in-charge of Karnataka **Randeep Singh Surjewala** is due to take charge of the State by September-end, or the first week of October. "I have not firmed up the date," Surjewala said, during an exclusive interaction with *TNIE*.

With the legislature session due to end on September 30, the first week of October seems more likely. "I am in touch with KPCC President DK Shivakumar, Siddaramaiah, K H Muniyappa and other leaders on issues concerning the state," he said.

Asked about his priorities, Surjewala said, "The Congress will expose the government, which is not constitutionally elected, and has no mandate. There are allegations of rampant corruption against it."

The Congress will focus on the upcoming slew of elections — BBMP, Gram Panchayat, Sira bypoll, to name a few. "The government is bungling on multiple issues every day, there are contradictions among the leaders," he said. Surjewala, who takes over from K C Venugopal, is part of the 22-member Congress Working Committee. He also figures in the special committee to assist Congress interim president Sonia Gandhi in organisational and operational matters, along with A K Antony, Ahmed Patel, Ambika Soni and Venugopal.

Surjewala, who retains his position as media cell chairman of the AICC, in addition to the responsibility of Karnataka, is considered the eyes and ears of the Congress central leadership, especially Rahul Gandhi, who counts him among his closest aides. He has served as PCC president of Haryana and also minister in Haryana.

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EXPRESS READ

Siddu on Badami tour after 100 days

Bagalkot: Leader of the Opposition in Assembly Siddaramaiah on Monday kicked-off his two-day tour in Badami, which he represents, and inspected flood-hit areas. He had last visited Badami on June 4. Later, he lashed out at the Centre for failing to release the state's GST share and flood-relief funds when the state government is reeling under a severe financial crises. ENS

Call for celebration of all languages

ACTIVISTS VANDALISE RLY STATION BOARDS

A group of 16 Kannada Rakshana Vedike activists, including four women, on Monday afternoon broke two metallic boards with Hindi letterings on them and dismantled them, while two other boards with Hindi words on the Station Road just outside the KSR (Bengaluru City) railway station were defaced with black spray paint. Two FIRs are set to be filed — one by the Government Railway Police and another by the Railway Protection Force. According to railway sources, the activists raising slogans came outside the station at 1.30 pm, and started vandalising. A good number of them stood taking videos, selfies and photos.

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POLITICAL party leaders, Kannada organisations and netizens have opposed observing 'Hindi Diwas' on Monday in non-Hindi speaking states. Former chief minister H D Kumaraswamy demanded that the Union government stop observing Hindi Diwas. "If at all it has to be celebrated, why only just Hindi. All languages, including Kannada, must be celebrated across the country," he said.

The JDS leader termed the celebration as "linguistic arrogance" as the constitution does not recognise Hindi or any one language as 'national language'. There are many attempts to portray Hindi as the national language and such attempts have now reached their limits, he said and added that people will agitate against this and this imposition has to stop before it gets worse.

Meanwhile, many actors expressed opposition against "Hindi imposition". Actor Dhananjay, flaunting a tee-shirt with a message in Kannada, tweeted, "We Kannadigas love all languages, but love Kannada. Do not impose Hindi."

Actors Prakash Raj and Chethan tweeted similar messages. Members of Kannada organisations staged a protest near Anand Rao Flyover in Bengaluru. Netizens too expressed anger on various social media platforms.

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I BENGALURU

No. 4, 1st Floor, LIC Jeevan Mangal Building Residency Road, Bengaluru- 560025

DRC No. 10714

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.....Certificate Holder
Versus
Smt. Asha Ravi Kumar and Another

DEMAND NOTICE

1. Smt. Asha Ravi Kumar D/o Ravi Kumar, No. 116, 1st Main, Health Layout, Annapoorneshwari Nagar, Vishwaneedam Post, Bengaluru-560091. **Also at:** Ganesh Enterprises, Rep. by its Proprietor No. 49, 4th Cross, Moodalapalya Kalyan Nagar, Bengaluru-560072. **Also at:** Site No. 49/1, Carved in S Katha No. 22 Karithimmamahalli, Vittalnagar, 7th Cross, Bengaluru. **2) Mr. Jagadish Girish S/o Girish,** No. 116, 1st Main, Health Layout, Annapoorneshwari Nagar, Vishwaneedam Post, Bengaluru-560091. **Also at:** Site No. 49/1, Carved in S Katha No. 22, Karithimmanahalli, Vittalnagar 7th Cross, Bengaluru ..... Defedants

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **O.A. No. 128/2013** passed by the Presiding Officer, DRT, Bangalore an amount of **Rs.23,35,189/-** (Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Thirty Five Thousand One Hundred Eighty Nine Only) is due against you along with interest and costs from the date of filing of O.A.s till realization.

you are hereby called upon to deposit the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

In addition to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay:

a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings.

b) all cost, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal on this 09th Day of June 2017.

Sd/- RECOVERY OFFICER DRT - I, Bangalore

Note : Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below:

"Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.

(2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment."

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Sri. NEELAM SHANKER, Managing Director, SAI NEHA CONSTRUCTIONS (I) PVT. LTD., H.No. 636/C, 7th Main, 12th Cross, BTM Layout, Bengaluru - 560 076, have lost all the original documents i.e. (1) GPA to Basha - 784, dated 27/10/1989 (2) Sale Agreement to Basha No. 236, dated 16/11/1993 (3) Sale Deed to Zamruddi (W/o. Basha), No. 4418/1992-93, dated 25/11/1992 (4) Rectification Deed to Zamruddi, No. 5118, 2006-07, dated 31/05/2006 (5) Joint Development Agreement (Zamruddi & M/s. Sai Neha Constructions) No. 9497/2012-13, dated 6/2/2013 (6) GPA to Developer (Zamruddi to Nelam Shanker MD Sai Neha Constructions) No. 627/2012-13, dated 6/2/2013 relating to the Apartment Building NEHA AVENUE situated at H.No. 52, Khatha No. 1987/56/8-52, situated at Bilekahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk on 15-03-2018 which was kept in my car TOYOTA INNOVA 2.5 V 2010 SILVER CAR AP09-CA-4887 that was stolen in the compound of my house. A Complaint in FIR No. 0071/2018 dt. 17-03-2019 was registered with Mico Layout P.S. If found, call me 9035023371.

PUBLIC NOTICE

On behalf of my client **Sri.Maheshkumar.G** S/o Govindaraju, Resident of Aralumallige Village & Post, Kasaba Hobali, Doddaballapura Taluk, I do hereby inform the public in large that, Sri. Maheshkumar has purchased the property bearing Khaneshumari Khata No. 296 (Old Khata No.239/294), property No.294 situated at Aralumallige Village, Kasaba Hobali, Doddaballapura Taluk from Sri. A.V.Suresh S/o. Venkatashamappa and the said A.V.Suresh has delivered all related documents to me. My client Sri.Maheshkumar.G has lost the Original Sale deed dated 01-07-1999 bearing document No: 873/1999-2000 which was registered in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Doddaballapura Taluk, on 01-08-2020 near Aralumallige Bus Stop and a complaint has been lodged in the Doddaballapura Rural Police Station as N.C.R. No.1070/2020. If anyone found the same please contact the Doddaballapura Rural police.

A. PRASHANTH, Advocate
Office : 3755, 'Samprathi', Deshadapet, Doddaballapur-561 203. Ph : 98866 28181.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Open Tender Notice No. B/E.29/2020-21/OT/06.08 (Through E-Tendering)

Tenders are invited only through E-Tendering via www.ireps.gov.in by Divisional Railway Manager / Electrical / South Western Railway / Bangalore - 560023 on behalf of president of India for the under mentioned works.

Date of Opening : 05.10.2020

Sl.	Description of Works	Approx. Value
1.OT06	B N C - Construction of Hostels for DPWTC of Bengaluru Contonment and SBC - Reconstruction of SP office (Qtr No.239 in MG colony SBC. Electrical Arrangements).	Rs. 60,43,066.50
2.OT08	Upgradation of Infrastructure facilities required at SGT wagon depot for Freight Maintenance activities - Electrical arrangements.	Rs. 35.30 Crore

Last Date of submission of bids: 05.10.2020 upto 11.00 Hrs

For details of tender notice including eligibility criteria and downloading tender document, tenderers may log on : **www.ireps.gov.in**

Divisional Railway Manager (Electrical), South Western Railway, Bangalore-560023

Place : Bangalore
Date : 10.09.2020 PUB/66/AAP/PRB/SBC/2020-21

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby notified that, my client Sri.N. Venkataswamy Reddy has entered into an Agreement to purchase immovable property, bearing Site No.5 and 6, Old khata No 79, Later BBMP Khata No 5/5/5 Measuring East to West : 50 sft North to South : 42 sft total measuring 2100 sft carved out of Sy No 6,7,8 and 9, together with RCC Building Ground Floor, 1st Floor and 2nd Floor, Now under BBMP jurisdiction, Situated at Hagaduru Village Gandhipura, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk presently Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore. Any persons interested in filing their objections or putting forth their written claims, shall file their written claims within seven days from the date of this publication. Failing doing so, my clients will proceed to purchase the immovable property.

C.G. SHANKAR REDDY, Advocate
No. 39/2, 5th Floor, ASVNV Bhavan, K.G. Road, Near Mysore Bank Circle, Bangalore-560009, Date : 14.09.2020.

IN THE COURT OF THE CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE
P & SC. No. 145/ 2020 (CCH-25)

BETWEEN : SRI. SHANKAR R. V
S/o Ramaswamy H. C, Aged about 54 years, R/at No.E-203, Mantri Elegance, Bannerghatta Road, Behind Shoppers Stop, N S Palya, Bangalore 560076. ...Petitioner

AND : NIL ...Respondent

Whereas the petitioners above named have filed the above petition under section 276 R/W 278 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925, for grant of probate of the will dated 08.11.2018 of the testatrix Smt. Veena N. Kumar W/o Late Sri B V Nagendra Kumar, Who died on 24.11.2019, thereby bequeathing the below mentioned schedule property in favour of her brother Sri. Shankar R. V., the petitioner. The court has fixed the date of hearing of this petition on **12.10.2020 at 11.00 A.M.** interested persons may enter appearance on that date and file their objections, if any, failing wherein the petition will be heard and determined exparte.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ITEM NO.1: All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing Site No.F-810, having Khata No.522, new BBMP Khata No.374/F-810, measuring **East by:** 12.20 Meters, **West by:** 12.20 Meters, **North by:** 18.30 Meters and **South by:** 18.30 Meters, i.e., East to West 18.30 Meters and North to South 12.20 Meters, in all measuring 223.26 Meters along with a residential house consisting of Ground and First Floor approximately measuring 16 Squares, situated at **Vivekadhama, Bharathnagar, Off Magadi Road, Bangalore 560091,** in the layout formed out of the land bearing Sy Nos.53/1, 53/2, 54, 56/2, 57 to 62/1, 62/2, 62/3, 62/4, 62/5, 62/6, 80/3, 80/4, 82/1, 82/2, 82/3, 175, 187, 189 & 193 coming under the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP, Herohalli Ward, layout formed by the Bharat Electronics Employees Co-Operative House Building Society Ltd, Jalahalli Post, Bangalore 560013 and bounded on: **East by:** 40 feet Road, **West by:** Site No.793, **North by:** Site No.811, **South by:** Site No.809.

ITEM NO.2: All that piece and parcel of 1/6th undivided share, right, title, interest (37.15 Sq.Meters) over the Residential Property bearing Site No.33, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 60 feet, in all measuring 2400 Sq. ft (formed in Sy Nos. 203, 208 and 211) along with the Apartment No.F-1 constructed thereon containing Two Bedrooms approximately measuring 741.44 Sq.ft super built up area and joint undivided interest/ share in the common space, passage, pipes, drains an staircases in the Srinidhi Apartments, SVK Layout, Laggere Village, Yeshawanthapura Hobli, Basaveshawaranagar, Bangalore 560 079 and bounded on: **East by:** Site No.32, **West by:** Private Property, **North by:** Private Property, **South by:** Road.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court on this 10.09.2020.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT, Asst Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore

CHENNAKESHAVA B. S, Advocate,
H & C Law Chambers, No.64/1, 5th Floor, ASVNV Bhavan, K G Road, Bangalore 560 009.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intend to purchase the property mentioned below in the schedule have negotiated with the owner **Mr. Umar Khan** S/o Ibrahim Khan residing at No.10, Issac Saheb's Street (Munireddy Palya) J C Nagar, Bengalure-560006.

Any Person/ Company/ Firm/ Institution having any claim of whatsoever kind with regard to the Schedule Property or anybody opposing the said transaction may write to the undersigned ***within Ten (10) days*** from the date of this notice with documentary evidence, failing which my client shall proceed with the sale transaction presuming that there are no claims of whatsoever.

-:SCHEDULE:-

All that piece and parcel of the residential Property measuring **East to West : 25 feet, North to South: 30 feet** in all measuring: **750 square feet.** situated at **No.10, Issac Saheb's Street,** (Munireddy Palya) J C Nagar, Bangalore-560 006. (old No.122 then 174/1 within the Jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.46 PID No.97-110-10) and bounded on the:

East by : Mohammed Khasim's house
West by : D K Yaseen Sahib's house
North by : Zainab Bee's house
South by : Conservancy lane

Sd/-
M H PATEL, *Advocate*
Email: mhpatelassociates@gmail.com
Mobile: 9845436010 Office: 080-23434433
Place: Bengaluru Dated: 14-09-2020

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I AT BANGALORE
No.4, 1st Floor, 'Jeevan Mangal' (LIC Building), Residency Road, Bengaluru-560 025.

O.A. No.1470/2019

Between: City Union Bank Ltd., Malleshwaram Branch, Bangalore ... **Applicant**

And: Vishal Athrey and another ... **Defendants**

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993.

Whereas the applicant has instituted original application under Section 19 of the Recovery of the Debts Due To Banks and Financial Institutions Act 1993 against you for the recovery of sum of **Rs.99,74,167/-** (Ninety Nine Lakh Seventy Four Thousand One Hundred and Sixty Seven Rupees Only) in A/c No. 501312030009555 and **Rs.8,62,321/-** (Eight Lakh Sixty Two Thousand Three Hundred and Twenty one Rupees Only) in A/c No.501312030009691 and **Rs.21,00,000 -** (Twenty One Lakh only) in A/c No.501812080053388 in all **Rs.1,29,36,488/-** (One Crore Twenty Nine Lakh Thirty Six Thousand Four hundred and Eighty Eight Rupees Only) as 30/09/2019 and interest @13.25% per annum is being the amount due together with current and future interest compounded monthly rests from the date of the application till realization and other reliefs.

The above mentioned defendant/s is/are therefore hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly authorized agent of his /their defense to show cause on **8-12-2020** at 11 am as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted. Take summons that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on 08-09-2020.

By order of the Tribunal, Debts Recovery Tribunal-1, Bangalore.

To Defendants No. 1 and 2

1. Vishal Athrey, S/o. Venkatadasappa Divakar, aged about 42 years,

2. Shilpa Vishal W/o. Vishal Athrey, aged about 39 years Both are residing at No. 303, G R Lavender Apartment, Behind Ramaiah City, J P Nagara 7th Phase, Bangalore-78.

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TRACKING COVID-19

A Covid-19 testing centre has been set up on Magadi Road, which was inaugurated by DyCM Dr C N Ashwath Narayan on Monday. The centre is equipped with a True-Nat machine to reduce time taken to get results

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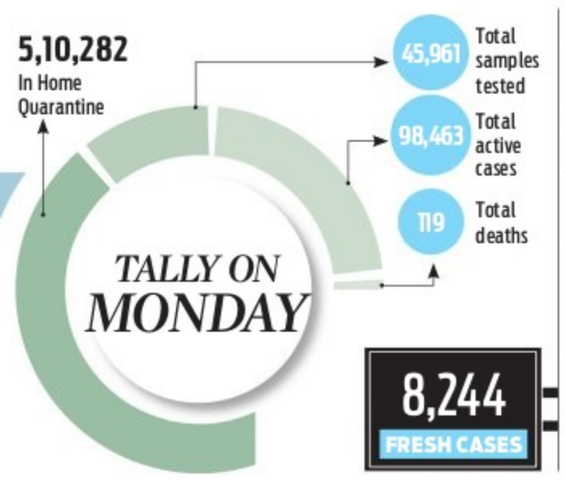
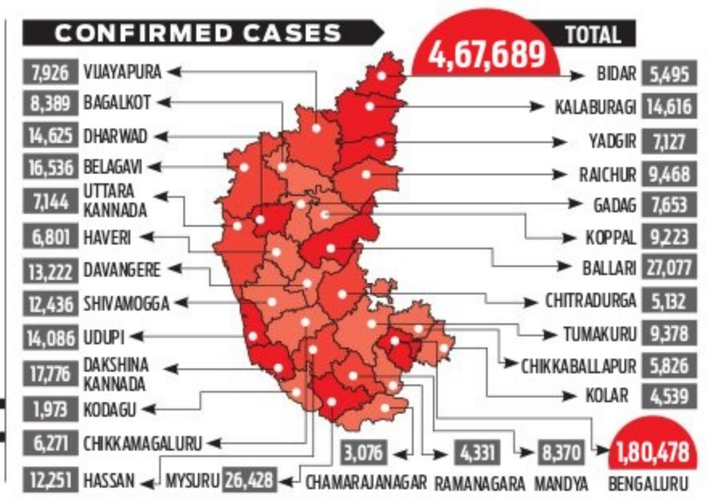




COVID DRUG RUNS DRY IN B'LURU HOSPS

Tocilizumab manufactured by Swiss firm Roche Pharmaceuticals, used to treat moderate to severe patients

RANJANI MADHAVAN AND IFFATH FATHIMA @Bengaluru

WHILE the supply of Remdesivir has been regulated by the state government, the city is currently facing a shortage of Tocilizumab, one of the many drugs used for treatment of Covid-19 patients. It is manufactured by Swiss firm Roche Pharmaceuticals.

Dr R Ravindra, Medical Director of Suguna Hospital and president of Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes Association, said, "There is a shortage of Tocilizumab. Off-label use of this drug has been approved but there is no constant supply. The price is around Rs 40,000 per vial and generally one to two vials are given to Covid-19 patients."

Doctors resort to this drug when the patients have moderate to severe levels of corona infection and are not responding to Remdesivir and other drugs.

NGOs, attempting to sponsor medicines for poor patients, are sourcing Tocilizumab from corporate hospitals that have more stock and giving it to smaller private hospitals and nursing homes where the needy patients are being treated

"Pharmacies in smaller hospitals in the city cannot afford this drug as it costs Rs 40,545 per vial. They ask us to approach representatives of the Cipla company. At times, the company does not respond and other times, they direct us to purchase from corporate hospitals that have comparatively more stock," said Sabeel Nazir, trustee of NGO Naasih Foundation.

The drug is sold at a higher rate in the black market. From July-end, the demand for Tocilizumab has increased. However, it is not readily available. So the patients' relatives reach out to some people involved in 'black marketing'. It is sold at Rs 65-70,000 instead of Rs 40,000

Sabeel Nazir, Trustee of NAASIH Foundation

"We sponsor genuine ICU cases, with proper documentation," Nazir said.

Dr C Nagaraj, Director of Rajiv Gandhi Institute Of Chest and Diseases, said they have not used this drug till now as the government did not supply it. It was only on Sunday that they received 18 doses from the state government.

"We will use it depending on the patient's condition as the supply seems to be low. Tocilizumab is generally used where patients' Interleukin 6 (IL-6) is high. IL-6 (group of proteins) is produced in response to infections, tissue injuries and contributes to host defence," Dr Nagaraj said.

Apart from this, owing to lack of sufficient data supporting its efficacy, some medicos have withdrawn use of Tocilizumab.

"Around 5-10% of patients with progressive disease tip into cytokine storm during the second week of their illness. Tocilizumab, an anti-inflammatory medication against IL-6, has been attempted to tide over this storm," said Dr Sunil Kumar, Consultant, Interventional Pulmonology, Aster CMI Hospital.

"In the initial days of this pandemic, it had a limited supply. Also, major adverse effects like reactivation of tuberculosis and predisposition to other infections posed a challenge," he said.

Melbourne doctor prescribes Ivermectin to fight infection

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Kalaburagi

A specialist from Melbourne has suggested to the doctors in India to prescribe Ivermectin to treat Covid-19.

Addressing media here on Monday, Dr Shashikant Manikappa, specialist cardiac anesthetist of Monash Health, Melbourne (Australia), said that though several drugs have been used to treat Covid-19, there is scant data with regard to prophylaxis.

He said a few medications like Hydroxychloroquine, and more recently Ivermectin, had shown some promise. The pre-official release of a randomised controlled trial using Ivermectin in three doses in primary contacts has shown significant difference. And 50 per cent of the patients who used this drug have shown good progress, he added.

Dr Shashikant said he has started using Ivermectin, Doxycycline, Zinc and Colchicine for treatment of corona more than three months ago and found this very effective.

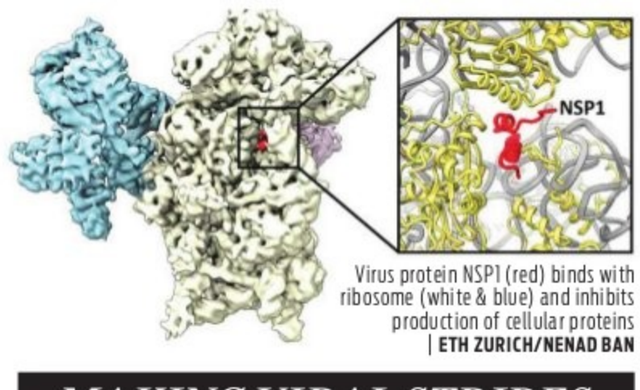
There are currently 28 Covid-19 Ivermectin treatment studies running globally.

He said he is proposing quadruple therapy as prophylaxis against corona infection on similar lines as proposed by an Australian gastroenterologist, Prof Thomas Borody, who is known for curing peptic ulcers with triple antibiotic therapy. In one of his interviews, Prof Borody had revealed that in South America, one block that received Ivermectin combination prophylaxis did not contract corona infection, while others did, Dr Shashikant said.

Randomised controlled trial using Ivermectin on primary contacts showed significant difference

Dr Shashikant Manikappa

He said that these medicines act together to prevent viral replication and also prevent from attaching to the AC2 receptors. This should offer hope in protecting against the virus or dampen the effects of the infection, he said.



Virus protein NSP1 (red) binds with ribosome (white & blue) and inhibits production of cellular proteins | ETH ZURICH/NENAD BAN

MAKING VIRAL STRIDES

Researchers at ETH Zurich and the University of Bern observed using cryo-electron microscopy, the precise mechanism by which SARS-CoV-2 virus causing Covid, manipulates human cells to ensure replication. This knowledge will help in development of drugs and vaccines.

WHAT HAPPENS

- Like a pirate hijacking a ship, the SARS-CoV-2 virus takes control of an infected cell as every virus depends on the resources and molecular machines of the cell to multiply within.
- This mechanism leads to the cells greatly reducing production of their own proteins, and instead produces almost only viral proteins. This not only boosts the production of new viruses, but also inhibits the immune response against Covid-19 infection.
- After SARS-CoV-2 enters a human cell, the viral protein NSP1 is produced as one of the first viral proteins.
- It was already known from other coronaviruses that NSP1 inhibits the production of the cell's own proteins, but it was not yet clear how exactly this occurs.

HOW IT HAPPENS

- Ribosomes are cellular machines that produce proteins. They read the blueprint, the so-called messenger RNA, for a given protein, and assemble amino acids in the corresponding order. During reading, the messenger RNA passes through a channel on the ribosome.
- The researchers, observing the process using cryo-electron microscopy, found that NSP1 binds to this channel and blocks the ribosome.
- The binding site of NSP1 in the ribosome channel could be elucidated at atomic resolution. Using biochemical and cellular experiments, the researchers were able to show that NSP1 alone is sufficient to inhibit the human cells' protein production, to promote its own.

FOR A VACCINE

- Based on the detailed picture of the binding mode of NSP1, the researchers were able to produce modified NSP1 variants that have lost their inhibitory effect.
- SARS-CoV-2 viruses, with such inactive variants of the NSP1 protein, will likely be attenuated so they can no longer cause severe disease.
- Such attenuated viruses can potentially be used as vaccines — a principle on which many other vaccinations against viral diseases are already based.

This detailed image provides important information for potential design of a drug that can prevent NSP1 binding, without interfering with ribosomal function. If NSP1 can no longer interact with the ribosome, this allows activation of cellular defense systems that can stop viral replication

— Nenad Ban, professor, Molecular Biology, ETH Zurich and co-author of the study

Compiled by Nirad Mudur

Govt docs to go on strike from today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

IN all, 4,968 government doctors working at healthcare facilities run by the Health and Family Welfare Department (HFW) are going on strike from Tuesday by stopping all online and offline release of data of Covid patients.

The doctors are going ahead with their earlier threat of a strike as their demand of pay parity with their counterparts in the Medical Education Department or pay revision as per the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) has not been met.

The doctors said that they are involved in sending patient reports to different departments and also uploading the details online. Once the strike begins, they will not upload any data, including that of Covid cases, across the state, they said. They will also not attend meetings with higher-ups that are held every day.

The doctors complained that the families of their colleagues, who lost their lives fighting the pandemic, have not been compensated yet and also, those infected while treating Covid patients are not getting required medical facilities.

Dr G A Srinivas, president, Karnataka Government Medical Officers' Association (KGMOA), said, "We will attend to Covid duties and emergency cases, but will stop giving reports on Covid. District surveillance officers will continue to maintain the reports, but we will not do it from Tuesday. From September 21, we will stop outpatient department services as well."

On Monday, KGMOA office-bearers from different districts submitted memorandums that contained their set of demands to their respective deputy commissioners. So far, 28 district branches of KGMOA have submitted memorandums.

Reacting to the strike threat, Health Minister B Sriramulu told The New Indian Express, "The issue is being dealt with utmost priority. I urge all doctors not to take any steps that would cause inconvenience to people, hinder medical services or cause setbacks to our fight against Covid during this hour of emergency."

The doctors had met Chief Minister B S Yeddiyurappa and Sriramulu in May and also approached Deputy Chief Minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayan in August with their set of demands, but their issues were not resolved, they complained.

A health worker on duty at a hospital in Bengaluru, on Monday | SHRIRAM BN

'B'luru Chalo campaign if demands not met'

Udupi: Dr Prakash Kumar Shetty, Karnataka State Medical Officers' Association, Udupi district, said that medical officers have been demanding a wage revision, along with other demands, but no action has been taken by the government. "From September 15, we will suspend submission of Covid-19 reports," he said. Kumar said except for emergency services, all other works will be stalled. A 'Bengaluru Chalo' campaign will be launched, he said.

COVID WATCH

KIMS delivers 101 babies of Covid moms

Hubballi: Karnataka Institute of Medical Science (KIMS) performed 101 deliveries on Covid-infected women in the last few months. On an average, one delivery was performed every day. Talking to the media, KIMS director Dr Ramalingappa Antartani said among these deliveries, 35 were normal and 66 cesarean. Apart from these successful deliveries, there were four stillborn cases and three maternal deaths reported. "Some cases were challenging as a few pregnant women had complications such as cancer, kidney and other issues," he said. **ENS**

After-effects show up post recovery

IFFATH FATHIMA @ Bengaluru

JUST a week after it was started, the Post-Covid Care and Rehabilitation Centre at Ramaiah Memorial Hospital has seen over 50 patients, who have reported adverse side-effects after recovering from Covid-19.

Fatigue, breathlessness, muscular pains and cardiac and lung issues are some of the issues seen in these patients, most of whom had recovered over a month ago.

Of the 50 patients who visited the outpatient department of the clinic, five needed admission, while others were prescribed standard treatment.

Dr Vijayashree Thyagaraj, Professor of Medicine and Lead Physician at the Post-Covid Care and Rehabilitation Centre, said, "The five patients who were admitted were in the 40-50 age group. One had congestive cardiac failure, another paralysis, and the other pulmonary fibrosis. Two others suffered from breathing difficulty. Most of the patients had comorbidities, but one, even without a cormorbidity, had health complications that could only be due to Covid. These patients were given standard treatment."

Dr Naresh Shetty, president of Ramaiah Memorial Hospital, said that a detailed investigation is done on each patient. "It helps us understand if these problems are due to Covid. The behaviour of Covid is changing and we need to keep a watch."

St John's Medical College too has started a similar post-Covid care centre. But, Dr Sanjiv Lewin, Chief of Medical Services at the hospital, said that the numbers are still less as people are not aware of the centre. "The clinic is run by the Physical and Medical Rehabilitation Department, and they work with cardiology, general medicine and chest medicine physicians. It has been running for 10 days, but numbers are yet to pick up. We are calling patients for checkups," he said.

"Most cases have exercise intolerance and myalgias which are aches and joint pains and inadequate lung function. Those who have gone through ventilation are showing critical care syndrome. The time frame of patients reporting these symptoms range from two weeks to three months," he added.

LIQUID O_2 PLANT COMING UP

Chikkamagaluru: With a spike in Covid-19 cases, the District Government Hospital is planning to set up a liquid oxygen plant on its premises, which will open for service within a week. The plant is coming up to ensure there is no shortage of oxygen supply to Covid patients undergoing treatment. The plant, being built with an investment of Rs 50 lakh, is nearing completion. Liquid oxygen stored in the plant is converted into gas before it is supplied to ventilators through pipes. In case the plant runs out of oxygen, it can be refilled in a day or two by transporting tankers from Ballari or Bengaluru. According to caretakers at the hospital, at present, oxygen is supplied in portable cylinders and 200 of them are exhausted daily. "Refill cylinders were brought from Bhadravati and if cases continue to surge, it will be difficult to meet demand. The plant will make the process easier," they said. District surgeon Dr Mohan Kumar said the hospital has 28 ventilators and once the plant is built, treating patients will get easier. The number of cases is rising in Chikkamagaluru, Tarikere, Kadur and Mudigere taluks, he added. — *B Thipperudrappa*

Breathe easy, this citizen group helps those who need oxygen

AJITH M S @ Mysuru

AMID concern over skyrocketing prices and shortage of oxygen, so crucial for Covid-19 patients, some citizens of Mysuru have been delivering oxygen cylinders free, for needy patients.

With cases on the rise, the demand for medical oxygen is at an all-time high, and both government and private hospitals have been complaining of shortage, with a few admitting to their inability to increase the number of beds due to this.

In this bleak scenario, the group of 11 individuals, including two doctors, has been providing oxygen to the poor at their doorsteps. Mohammed Asadulla, a member of the group, said that despite high demand and soaring prices, they are able to provide free cylinders as oxygen vendor Southern Gas Limited gives it to them at a discount, having recognised their work.

The initiative was started in August to help the economically weak, regardless of faith and caste, especially daily wage labourers who are out of work and cannot afford beds and oxygen cylinders. The group has helped people in home isolation, or those awaiting beds at smaller hospitals, which is often delayed. With the help of doctors in the group, they monitor the patients' oxygen level routinely.

"If oxygen levels recede to dangerous levels, we help them find hospital beds," said Asadulla. So far, 74 Covid patients have benefitted, and all, except one, have recovered.

The group also includes Dr Javeed Nayeem, Dr Shabeena Jabeen, Prof Noor Ahmed Khan, Mohd Anees Khan Ghori, Syed Siddiq Ahmed, Gulnar Parveen, Ahmed Nadeem, Mohd Rafeeq Khan Ghori, Mohd Shameer and Mohd Ameer.

They also helped 38 students whose parents are struggling to pay fees, and during the lockdown, bought medicines for 105 people and rations for over 1,000 families.

The Karnataka High Court has upheld the state government's order on guidelines to promote intermediate semester students to the higher semester for 2019-20, in view of the Covid-19 pandemic

AFTER BIG FISH, STUDENTS TOO CAUGHT IN NET

Ragini Dwivedi sent to Parappana Agrahara, Sanjjanaa in police custody for two more days

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

KANNADA actress Ragini Dwivedi, who has been arrested by the Central Crime Branch (CCB) police in connection with the Sandalwood drug abuse case, has been remanded in judicial custody for 14 days by a city court.

As Dwivedi's police custody ended on Monday, the police produced her along with four other accused — Prashant Ranka, Loum Pepper Samba, Rahul and Niyaz — before the 1st Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate court, through video conference. As the police did not seek further extension of their police custody, the court remanded the five accused in judicial custody.

Following this, the police took the five accused to Bengaluru Central Prison in Parappana Agrahara and remanded them in judicial custody. The actress will now have to cool her heels in the prison until court grants her bail. Her advocates have already moved a bail petition and it is yet to be heard by the court.

Police personnel take actors Ragini Dwivedi and Sanjjanaa Galrani out of court, after their hearing, in Bengaluru on Monday | SHRIRAM BN

Sources in the prison said that the five will be quarantined for two weeks due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

"They will be kept with new entrants for two weeks. Based on their test report for Covid, a decision will be taken on allowing them inside regular barracks with under-trial inmates," an official said.

Meanwhile, the police custody of another actress Sanjjanaa Galrani, who was also arrested in the case, has been extended by two more days. She, along with two other accused — Viren Khanna and Ravishankar — will be questioned by the police for two more days, till September 16.

Cops nab 2 peddlers, seize 50 kg ganja

Bengaluru: The Konanakunte police have arrested two drug peddlers and seized 50 kg ganja, estimated to be worth Rs 25 lakh. Bantu Tataram of Andra Pradesh and Suresh from Chamarajanagar were arrested on Sunday. A senior police officer said that after being alerted by locals, the police first caught Suresh when he was peddling the contraband on 80-ft Road in JP Nagar. Based on information from Suresh, the Tataram's house was raided and he was arrested. The latter had brought ganja on a train from Visakhapatnam. They had been selling ganja to students and software engineers. "They revealed names of their customers and dealers," the police said.

Drug ring unearthed in Uttara Kannada

Karwar: Uttara Kannada police on Monday raided several places and arrested some suspects in connection with the abuse of narcotics in the district. The last week witnessed a series of raids in almost all taluks and several people have been arrested. Sources said that a person from Bhatkal who operates a casino is said to be the prime suspect in drug dealings, but gave the police the slip earlier this week. "We have carried out raids in various places as part of our increased vigil, and have so far arrested 21 persons dealing in drugs," said SP Shivaprakash Devraj, adding, the raids in the district have no connection with developments in Bengaluru.

Crack canine team to get more paws

BANSY KALAPPA @Bengaluru

AS Karnataka fights the drug menace, the forces are putting together a larger team of trained canines. There are only six sniffer dogs dealing with narcotics, and now, the government is looking to bump up the numbers. Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai said, "We have a contingency fund of Rs 2 crore and will increase the size of the dog squad to 20, and more if necessary."

The police dog squad here has 66 canines, who are used in routine policing operations like house burglary, theft, and murders. It is used in anti-terror operations and other duties. Each dog has two handlers and a cook.

Bommai said, "We have gathered information that many synthetic drugs come from outside. For example, many are routed through the Gulf and other international points. It is our duty to detect contraband, where dogs would be useful. The first point of contact is the airport. KIA is under the Customs department and not under police. The CISF, too, has its own squads but they are not part of the State or city police. Our job is outside the airports."

The common complaint is that drugs come through courier parcels, via air or ship, and need to be intercepted by dogs. Asked about the high number of checks of courier parcels and cargo by dogs in foreign destinations, Bommai said, "I heard that dogs in foreign destinations do much more, which is why we plan to increase the strength of our dog squad." He said the war against drugs has been on since February, and they have taken it to the next level by cracking the Dark Net, details of which cannot be shared at the moment.

Hang Zameer if evidence found: Siddaramaiah

Hubballi: Opposition leader Siddaramaiah has said that if investigators find any evidence of the involvement of Congress leader Zameer Ahmed in the drug case, "he may be hanged and his property seized". "Let those who are accusing the MLA produce evidence. It is not right to try to finish a person politically in the name of them being part of a drug mafia. It is not possible to launch a probe on each and every allegation made by businessman Prashanth Sambargi," he said. Meanwhile, minister Jagadish Shettar said that by defending Ahmed, the Siddaramaiah was "damaging his own image".

Police find most users, peddlers are collegians

PREEJA PRASAD @Bengaluru

"MY friend was among those arrested two days ago. He got into ganja first after completing school as he was going through depression," said Dhruv Acharya (named changed), a third-year BSc student. This is the familiar story of many college students who started off consuming drugs, and later shifted to peddling.

With the increasing number of drug raids in the city, students formed a majority among peddlers and consumers, according to Bengaluru City Police. Last month alone, over 300 raids were conducted -- the highest so far this year -- with 90% of the cases involving students in the 18-25 age group.

Sources in the department stated that they received strict orders from the Home Minister to focus on the drug menace. A senior police officer said that raids have increased five-fold in the past month.

"Most of the students were either from other states, foreigners or college dropouts. And most of these synthetic drugs are sourced over the Darknet," said Additional Commissioner of Police (East) S Murugan.

But what exactly is the Darknet? The search engines we use which provide us with results are called the 'surface web'. However, there is much more to the web which is called the 'Deep Net'. A fraction of this, where the user and site owner are anonymous, is called the 'Darknet'.

Number of NDPS cases

2020	2019	2018
530	768	286

Sources say that with city police closing in on them, drug peddlers are forced to sell the contraband in bigger quantities. "This way, the job is done faster. If we sell it in smaller quantities, it takes more time. And cops are likely to catch us since the drugs are in our possession," says a source.

While there is severe risk involved in drug peddling, prices have increased since last year, depending on the quality. For example, earlier, a 10-gram packet of ganja cost Rs 500, and now, a 20-gram packet costs Rs 1,500-Rs 2,500. Purchasing drugs requires bitcoins, with one bitcoin costing over Rs 7 lakh. Cops say it is unclear where the youths are procuring the money.

Police Commissioner Kamal Pant said, "There is nothing new about these raids. We are doing our routine work. There have been rumours of the NCB being involved but none of that is true."

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our client **Mrs. G. SANDHYA W/o. Mr. A. Naveen Kumar,** No.139, 2nd Main Road, 5th Block, H.B.R Layout, Bangalore-43 is intending to develop and sell/market plots carved out of the Scheduled Property belonging to **MR. S. V. VISHWANATHA REDDY** S/o. Late S.L. Venkataswamy Reddy and **SRI V. SURESHA** S/o. Late. S.R.Venkatappa Reddy both residing at Sorahunasae Village, Varathur Hobli, Bangalore-87. Any person/s objecting for the same or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof **within 7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the advocate mentioned herein failing which; our client shall proceed and complete the joint development agreement MOU with the above stated persons.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and Parcel of the residential converted land bearing Sy No.2/10, (Old Sy No.2/9) (Converted Vide Official Memorandum dated 11.12.2019, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Urban), **Situated at Sorahunasae Village, Varathur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk,** measuring 0.21.00 Guntas & 0.4.0.00 guntas of Karab Land & bounded on the: **East** : Raja Kaluve Honne **West** : Road, **North** : Sy No.2/11 **South** : Property belongs to Sri Krishna Reddy and Ramaswamy Reddy.

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Director, Dept. for the Empowerment of Differently Abeled & Senior Citizens invites tenders through e-procurement website : **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** for **Supply of Materials and Arrangements for Celebration of World Senior Citizen's Day at Ravindra Kalakshethra on 01.10.2020.** EMD : **Rs. 30,000/-** Last date & time for uploading tender documents : **21.09.2020 upto 4.30 p.m.** Date & time of Pre-bid Meeting : **18.09.2020, at 11.00 a.m. at Director's Office.** Date & time for Opening of Technical bid : **22.09.2020 at 5.00 pm. at Director's Office.** Date & time for Opening of Financial bid : **23.09.2020 at 11.00 a.m. at Director's Office.** The Director/Tender Inviting Authority reserves the right to accept/reject the tender without assigning any reason/s.

Sd/- Asst. Director & Tender Inviting Authority

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PRESS NOTICE FOR e-TENDER

On behalf of the Puducherry Smart City Development Limited, e-tenders are invited for the following work from the eligible contractors.

Sl No.	Tender No.	Name of the work	Approx. Estimate Cost (in ₹)	e-tender processing fee (in ₹)	Earnest Money Deposit (in ₹)	Eligibility of Contractor
1	No.23 /PSCDL/ 2020	Construction of 220 dwelling units for EWS consisting of 6 blocks (Ground +4 floors) at Chinnayapuram , Puducherry.	16,03,38,111/-	1500+ 5% GST	26,03,400/-	Refer Notice Inviting e- tender in Website

For further details please refer to the website **https://pudutenders.gov.in**, **https://smartnet.niua.org/tenders**, **http://pondicherrysmartcity.in** The date of e-tender opening on **30.09.2020** at **11.00 AM.**

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PSCDL

No. 192/DIP/AD(Press)/2020-21

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AUCTION CUM SALE (APPENDIX – IV A) (Rule 8(6))

Pursuant to taking possession of the secured asset mentioned hereunder by the Authorized Officer of **IIFL Home Finance Limited (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (IIFL HFL)** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 for the recovery of amount due from borrower/s, offers are invited by the undersigned in sealed covers for purchase of immovable property, as described hereunder, which is in the possession, on **"AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS"** BASIS particulars of which are given below:-

Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Date of Symbolic Possession	Description of the Immovable property
1. Mr. Vijay Kumar Velu 2. Pratham Engineering 3. Mr. Velu M (Prospect No. **809148**)	**20–Dec–2019 Rs.12,10,272/-** (Rupees Twelve Lakh Ten Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Two Only)	**20–July–2020 Total Outstanding** as on **On 11-Sept-2020 Rs. 12,72,754 /-** (Rupees Twelve Lakh Seventy Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Four Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.60 Katha No.241/60 PID No. 152100601600820250 & Site No.61, Katha No.243/61 PID No. 152100601600820253 at Chandra Village Known as Ramakrishna Nagar, Survey No. 19/2,18,17/1Aa, 34/5,34/6,35/1,35/3 of Ranaganakopulu, Pandavpura Taluk, Mandya, District, Karnataka. **(Area:-2906.28Sq.ft)**

Reserve Price(Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)
Rs.12,50,000/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Fifty Thousand Only)	**Rs.1,25,000/-** (Rupees One Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Only)

Date of Inspection of Property 14-Oct-2020 1100 hrs-1400 hrs	EMD Last Date 16-Oct-2020 till 5 pm.	Date/ Time of Auction 20-Oct-2020 1100 hrs-1300 hrs	**Concerned Branch:-** IIFL Home Finance Ltd Adam Chambers, # 11 , Richmond Road, Bangaluru, Karnataka-560025 (Authorized officer: **Shaik Shawali@ 9900260101**)

1.Date of inspection of the immovable property is **14–Oct–2020** between **1100 hrs - 1400 hrs.**
2.Last date of submission of sealed offers in the prescribed tender forms along with EMD is **16–Oct–2020** till 5 pm at the branch office address.
3.Date of opening of the offers for the Property is **20–Oct–2020** at the above mentioned branch office address at **1100 hrs - 1300 hrs** the tender will be opened in the presence of the Authorized Officer.
4.Further interest will be charged as applicable, as per the Loan Agreement on the amount outstanding in the notice and incidental expenses, costs, etc., is due and payable till its realization.
5.The notice is hereby given to the Borrower and Guarantor, to remain present personally at the time of sale and they can bring the intending buyers/purchasers for purchasing the immovable property as described herein above, as per the particulars of Terms and Conditions of Sale.
6.The Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) are hereby given **30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002** to pay the sum mentioned as above before the date of Auction failing which the immovable property will be auctioned and balance, if any, will be recovered with interest and costs. If the Borrower pays the amount due to IIFL Home Finance Limited in full before the date of sale, auction is liable to be stopped.
7.The EMD shall be payable through DD in favour of " IIFL Home Finance Limited." (IIFL HFL) payable at GURUGRAM and shall be submitted at the concerned branch/Corporate Office.
8.For further queries and the detail terms and conditions of the auction sale are incorporated in the prescribed tender form, Tender forms are available at the above branch office or also you can refer **www.iifl.com** or contact abovementioned authorized officer.
9.The immovable property will be sold to the highest bidder. However, the undersigned reserves the absolute discretion to allow inter se bidding, if deemed necessary.
10.Tenders that are not filled up or tenders received beyond last date will be considered as invalid tender and shall accordingly be rejected. No interest shall be paid on the EMD.
11.Company is not responsible for any liabilities upon the property which is not in the knowledge of the company.
For further details, contact Mr. Sanjay Jha @9560908318, Email:-sanjay.jha@iifl.com, **Corporate Office:** Plot No. 98, Phase-IV, Udyog Vihar, Gurugram, Haryana-122015. **Place: Mandya Date:** 15-09-2020 **Sd/- Authorised Officer For IIFL Home Finance Ltd. (IIFL HFL)**

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -I, BENGALURU
NO.4, SECOND FLOOR, LIC JEEVAN MANGAL BUILDING, RESIDENCY ROAD, BENGALURU, KARNATAKA-560025

DRC NO: 129 / 2019 FORM NO.14 (See Regulation 33(2))

Axis Bank Ltd., (Formerly known as UTI Bank Ltd.,) No. 688, 3rd 'A' Cross, Opp. Seshadripuram College, New Town, Yelahanka - 94. Yelahanka, Bangalore-560 064. **...Certificate Holder**
Versus
Sri. Chandra Shekar & another
...Certificate Debtor(s)

DEMAND NOTICE

To,
1) Sri. Chandra Shekar, S/o Sri C.A. vijaya, No.17, 4th Main, M.S. Ramaiah City, J.P. Nagar, 8th Phase, Bengaluru — 560 033. **Also at:** Sri. Chandra Shekar, Esika Infotech Pvt., Ltd., No.94, 4th 'B' Cross, 5th Block, Koramangala Industrial Layout, Bengaluru - 560 095. **Also at:** Sri. Chandra Shekar, New Site No.6 (Old No.15/13), 1st Cross, Nagayanapalaya, Bayapanahalli, Bengaluru - 560 033. **2) Smt. Hema Malini,** No.17, 4th Main, M.S. Ramaiah City, J.P. Nagar, 8th Phase, Bengaluru — 560 033. **Also at:** Smt. Hema Malini, Birlasoft Ltd., 4th Floor, Tower L, SJR I Park, EPIP Area, Whitefield, Bangaluru -560 037.
In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **OA No. 600/2018** passed by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bengaluru on **10/05/2019** an amount of **Rs.1,27, 28,799.60/- (Rupees One Core Twenty Seven Lakh Twenty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Nine and Paise Sixty Only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization.
You are hereby called upon to deposit the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.
You are hereby called upon to deposit the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.
In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay:
a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings. b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this **17th day of June, 2019.**

(RAJASEKHARAN.R)
RECOVERY OFFICER-I
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - I, BENGALURU
Email : rajasekharan.r@nic.in

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act 1993 which is reproduced below:
"Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.
(2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any Interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment.

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BAJAJ FINANCE LIMITED
CORPORATE OFFICE: 3RD FLOOR, PANCHSHIL TECH PARK, VIMAN NAGAR, PUNE-411014, MAHARASHTRA.
BRANCH OFFICE: 1st floor, JK Towers, 719/A-53-2, 46th Cross, Sangam Circle, Jaynagar, above More outlet, 8th Block, Bangalore-560082
Authorized Officer's Details: Name: VINODH GANGADHARAN Email ID: vinodh.gangadharan@bajajfinserv.in Mob No. 9379204932

PUBLIC AUCTION THROUGH BIDDING NOTICE

UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 ('Act')

Notice is hereby given to the public in general that the below mentioned Borrower/co-borrower mortgaged the immovable property which is described hereunder to Bajaj Finance Limited ('BFL') and the possession of the said immovable property ('secured asset/property') has been taken over by the Authorized Officer in accordance of the SARFAESI Act 2002 and rules there to. The secured asset will be sold through public auction by bidding for realization of the loan dues, applicable interest, charges and costs etc., payable to BFL as detailed below. The secured asset is being sold on and the bidding will be held on "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS", "WHATEVER THERE IS" AND "WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS" under the rule number 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules (hereinafter referred to as the rules) and on the terms and conditions specified here-under:

Borrowers Name & Address	Names of the Co-Borrowers with address	Secured debt for recovery of which property is sold.
(BORROWER) MAJESTIC MARKET REASEARCH SUPPORT SERVICES LTD Carrying Business at: Plot No. 160 A. Prem Chaya LBS Marg Kurla West Mumbai - 400070	(CO-BORROWER) 1. FOCUS SUITES SOLUTIONS AND SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED Carrying Business at: Plot No. 160 A. Prem Chaya LBS Marg Kurla West Mumbai - 400070 2. SANDIP BHATIA Residing at: 12/12th Floor Urmi Building 65 Worli Seaface Worli Mumbai- 400030 3. SAGAR SHAM BAIT S/O Shankar Keshav Bait Residing at: Prem Nagar Colony Room No. 519 6/152 B G Kher Road Worli Naka Worli Mumbai- 400018	**TOTAL Rs. 2,48,06,407** (Rs. Two Crore Forty Eight Lakhs Six Thousand Four Hundred and Seven Only) Along with future interest and charges accrued w.e.f 09nd September 2020 in Loan Account Number 405LAPEB215998

Title Deed Holder Name	Property Description	Place, Date and Time of the Opening of Bids	Reserve price/EMD/Bid Increment	Last Date and time for submission of the request letter for participation/KYC Documents/ Proof of EMD etc.
1. SANDIP BHATIA	Flat No. 1101, First Floor Arniya Palatial Apartment RMV 2nd Stage Geddalahalli Bangalore- 460094 BOUNDARIES OF THE PROPERTY: East: Road, West: Private Property, North: Private Property, South: Road	Date: 17/10/2020 Time: 3.00 PM Place: Bajaj Finance Ltd Office at 1st floor, JK Towers, 719/A-53-2, 46th Cross, Sangam Circle, Jaynagar, above More outlet, 8th Block, Bangalore-560082	Reserve Price: Rs. 1,80,00,000/- EMD: 10% of Reserve Price. **No Bid Increment on the spot is allowed.	17/10/2020 at 10:00AM

DATE AND TIME OF INSPECTION OF THE PROPERTY: FROM 15/09/2020 to 15/10/2020 BETWEEN 10:00 AM AND 4:00 PM

Terms and Conditions of the Public Auction are as under:

1. Public Auction is being held on "AS IS WHERE IS, AS IS WHAT IS AND WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS" and is being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to Bajaj Finance Limited. The bid form, Declaration, General Terms and Conditions of Public Auction can be obtained from office of Bajaj Finance Limited at Office 1st floor, JK Towers, 719/A-53-2, 46th Cross, Sangam Circle, Jaynagar, above More outlet, 8th Block, Bangalore-560082.
2. The Secured asset will not be sold below the Reserve price.
3. To the best of the knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer, there is no encumbrance on the properties. However, it is necessary that the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding any claims, charges, dues, encumbrances and should satisfy about the title, extent/measurement of the property prior to submitting their bid. For any discrepancy in the property the participating bidder is solely responsible for all future recourses from the date of submission of bid.
4. No claim of whatsoever nature regarding the property put up for sale, charges/encumbrances over the property or on any other matter etc will be entertained after submission of the bid.
5. The Authorized Officer/BFL will not be responsible for any charge, lien, encumbrance, property tax dues, electricity dues etc. or any other dues to the Government, local authority or anybody, in respect of the property under sale.
6. The Public Auction notice/advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any offer, commitment or any representation of Bajaj Finance Limited. The Authorized Officer/BFL shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims/rights/dues.
7. The Sale shall be subject to the rules/conditions prescribed under the SARFAESI Act 2002 and rules thereto.
8. It shall be the responsibility of the bidders to inspect (a) the title and link documents and (b) the property and satisfy themselves about the secured asset and specification before submitting the bid. Before entering the premises for inspection, it is necessary that the interested purchaser shall provide their identity, address and contact details in the register confirming their entry and exit from property under their signature.
9. The interested bidders shall submit their bids along with EMD, which shall be payable only through D.D.in favour of Bajaj Finance Limited payable on or before the last day and time mentioned above.
10. The Bids along with other documents must be submitted to the Authorized Officer in a sealed envelope mentioning "Offer for Purchase- M/S MAJESTIC MARKET REASEARCH SUPPORT SERVICES LTD (Through its Partner V SEKAR) LAN:- 405LAPEB215998 to reach the Authorized Officer on or before the last date of submission of the Bids.
11. The bidder is supposed to submit the following documents at the time of submission of the bid: i) Proof of EMD paid ii) copy of the Pan Card iii) Proof of identification/ Address proof/Aadhaar Card/KYC (self-attested copies) without which the bid is liable to be rejected.
12. The bidder alone can participate in the public auction proceeding and no other person is permitted.
13. The successful Bidder must deposit the 25% of the purchase amount (after adjusting the EMD already paid) immediately upon the acceptance of the offer and declaration of the successful bidder by the Authorized officer, failing which the EMD paid shall be forfeited and cannot be claimed by the bidder from Bajaj Finance Limited.
14. The balance 75% of the purchase amount must be deposited by the successful bidder within 15 days, failing which the amounts already deposited by the bidder shall stand automatically forfeited without further notice and no request for refunds whatsoever shall be entertained. Further, the property will be put to re-auction and the defaulting bidder shall have no claim/right in respect of the property/amount and will not be eligible to participate in the re-auction, if any.
15. No interest is applicable to EMD or any amount deposited by the bidders/successful bidder in respect of sale of secured asset.
16. The Purchaser/successful bidder shall bear the (a) applicable stamp duty/registration/transfer charges; (b) all the statutory, non-statutory, conversion, electricity, sewage charges, any dues, cess, fees, taxes, rates, assessment charges etc. owing to any person, association or authority shall be borne by the successful Bidder only.
17. Sale certificate shall be issued in the prescribed format in favor of successful bidder only.
18. The successful bidder shall have to arrange for registration etc., at his/her/its cost of the sale certificate as per the provisions of prevailing Stamp and Registration Act. The successful bidder shall bear the charges for conveyance, registration fee, stamp duty, taxes, fee etc. as applicable.
19. In case of sale of property subject to any encumbrances, the successful bidder/purchaser shall deposit money required to discharge the encumbrance including interest, cost, expenses etc. if any to the Authorized officer.
20. In case if the public auction is stopped, stayed, postponed or rescheduled or cancelled, a public notice will be put on the notice board of BFL branch and no personalized/individual communication in this regard will be sent to any of the bidders or otherwise.
21. Submission of bid by the bidders is construed that they have read, understood and accepted the terms and conditions governing the public auction.
22. EMD of unsuccessful bidders shall be returned on the closure of auction proceedings.
23. The Authorized officer is not bound to accept the highest offer/bid and the Authorized officer has absolute right to accept or reject any or all offer(s) or adjourn/postpone/cancel the public auction without assigning any reason thereof.
24. For more details please visit: **https://media.bajajfinserv.in/host/Annexure-5-pre-sale-format-website-Majestic.pdf**

Date: 15-09-2020
Place:- Bangalore

Sd/- Authorized Officer
VINODH GANGADHARAN
Bajaj Finance Limited

KSEB KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED - E –TENDER NOTICE

Office of the Chief Engineer, Civil Dam Safety & DRIP - Pallom

E-Tender ID : 2020_ KSEB _ 363073_2 * DRIP – Construction of office cum dormitory building for Dam Safety Subdivision , Pamba at Kochupamba * PAC :Rs .8.72million * Last Date : 28-09-2020 3PM

Visit www.etenders.kerala.gov.in and www.kseb.in - Ref: PR /MC1 /D142/ E- Tender /2020

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY

E-Tender Notice

Tender No : 29 to 33,35&38/2020-21/KWA/PHC/D1/TVM(RT1). Jal Jeevan Mission - Providing functional household tap connection and related works in Elakamon, Chemmaruthy, Mudakkal, Karavaram, Navaikulam, Madavoor and Andoorkonam panchayaths in Thiruvananthapuram District. EMD : Rs. 1,00,000/- (each). Tender fee : Rs. 7,500/-(each). Last Date for submitting Tender : 25-09-2020 03:00:pm. Phone : 0471-2322303. Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in.

Superintending Engineer
PH Circle, Thiruvananthapuram

KWA-JB-GL-6-331-2020-21

ONGC Petro additions Limited

ओपीएएल OPaL

Regd. office: 4th Floor, 35, Nutan Bharat Co-operative Housing Society Limited, R.C. Dutt Road, Alkapuri, Vadodara- 390007, Gujarat. Ph.: 0265 6192600, CIN No.: U23209GJ2006PLC060282

TENDER NOTICE

ONGC Petro additions Limited invites sealed E-tender under Two Bid System for : **1. E-Tender Number :** 2010C00549, **Description :** ARC of Calibration of Gas Cylinders refilling/repairing at OPaL Complex. (Contract duration- THREE YEARS from commencement of service with a provision for 1-year extension.). **Sale period :** 15.09.2020, 0900 Hrs. to 09.10.2020, 1400 Hrs. **Closing date and time for Bid Submission :** 09.10.2020, 1400 Hrs. **2. Tender Number :** 2018C00589, **Description :** 2 Year Annual Rate Contract for Spares of Air Filter Regulators at OPaL, Dahej. (Contract duration- 2 Years). **Sale period :** 15.09.2020, 0900 Hrs to 06.10.2020, 1400 Hrs. **Closing date and time for Bid Submission :** 06.10.2020, 1400 Hrs.

The tender document can be downloaded from www.opalindia.in or from OPaL SRM (E-tender) Portal https://etender.opalindia.in:50300/irj/portal. For other details of this tender including corrigendum, latest information, if any, Bidders should regularly visit OPaL website (www.opalindia.in). In case of exigencies OPaL at its option may decide to extend tender sale/ bid closing/ opening date/ time in future, which will be posted on the above referred website for information.

RAIL WHEEL FACTORY

Yelahanka, BANGALORE - 560 064
WEBSITE: "www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in"

TENDER NOTICE No: RWF/EL/OT/2020-21/01 Date: 14/09/2020

E-Tenders : On behalf of the President of India, the PRINCIPAL CHIEF ELECTRICAL ENGINEER invites electronic tender for the following works online through the website http://www.ireps.gov.in (works)

Sl. No.	Tender No.	Description	Estimated Value in. Rs.	EMD Amt. in. Rs.
1	RWF/PCEE/EL/ TD/2020-21/01 Dtd:14/09/2020	Replacement of Old 11KV Feeder Cables between MRS and Admin Sub-Station, Cable Jointing and Cable Termination at RWF Premises.	7,29,960/-	14,600/-
2	RWF/PCEE/EL/ TD/2020-21/04 Dtd:14/09/2020	Re-Routing of LT Armoured UG Cables at Axle Machine Shop.	2,75,750/-	5,500/-

Closing Date & Time : 05/10/2020 at 11.00 hours ; Cost of Tender Document: for Sl. No. 1 : Rs.2,360/- & for Sl. No. 2 : 1,180/-

Detailed Tender Notice can be viewed on our website.

Senior Electrical Engineer/Power

UCO BANK

(A Govt. of India Undertaking)
Koramangala Branch

No. 149/2, Hosur Road, Koramagala, Bangalore – 560035. Ph No. 080 25502185/25532428 Telefax: 25526845 e-mail : korama@ucobank.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

{Rule 8(1) and (2)} (For Immovable property)

Whereas the undersigned being the authorized officer of the UCO Bank under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 06.09.2019 and publication of the contents of the said notice in "Kannada Prabha" and " The New Indian Express" on 14.01.2020 due to non serving of the same- calling upon the borrower **Sri Venkatesh A. C.** S/o. Sri. Chandra Mohan and **Smt. B. S. Namitha,** W/o. Venkatesh A. C., to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.47,09,436.92** (Rupees Forty Seven Lakhs Nine Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Six and Paise Ninety Two Only) as on 06.09.2019 with further interest accrued thereon from 01.05.2019 and cost thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the full amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under **section 13(4)** of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules on this **11th day of September 2020.**

The Borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the UCO Bank, Koramangala Branch for an amount of **Rs.47,09,436.92** (Rupees Forty Seven Lakhs Nine Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Six and Paise Ninety Two Only) with future interest from accrued thereon and cost/expenses etc.,

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub Section(8) ofSection 13 of the Act in respct of time available, to redeem the secured asset.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential Flat bearing No. T-6 in third floor of "Smile Nest" Apartment constructed on the sites No. 3, 10, 11, BBMP Khata No. 154/28/43/2/2/3 in the converted land bearing Sy. No. 43/2 of Dasarahalli Village, K. R., Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, with a super built up area of 1106 sq.ft. along with a undivided share of land measuring 246 sq.ft. in the landed property and bounded as under : East by : Flat Entrance, West by : Open to Sky, North by : Open to Sky, South by : Flat No. T-5.

Place: Bangalore
Dt: 11.09.2020

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
UCO Bank

बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा Bank of Baroda

(A Government of India Undertaking)

Vijayanagar Branch, K B Sangha Bldg, 3rd Main 3rd Cross, Vijayanagar-560040
Ph: 080-23300290, Email: VJVIJB@bankofbaroda.com, Web : www.bankofbaroda.com

POSSESSION NOTICE APPENDIX IV under Act- Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Bank of Baroda, Vijayanagar Branch, Bangalore** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule-3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice dated **02.03.2020** calling upon the Borrower **1) M/s.L & H Organic Industries, Prop.Sri.William 'D'Souza 2) Mr.Thomas Monteiro,** S/o. Mr.Balthu Monteiro Both 1 & 2 are residing at No.75, 1st Main Road, 3rd Cross, 4th Phase, 7th Block, Banashankari, Bangalore-560085. **3) Mr. Lawrance 'D' Souza** S/o.S S 'D' Souza, Karopady Village, Vijayedka PO, Bantwal Taluk, Dakshina Kannada to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.61,54,314.09/-** (Rupees Sixty One Lakhs Fifty Four Thousand Three Hundred Fourteen And nine Paisa Only) as on **29.02.2020** together with further interest thereon at the contractual rate plus costs, charges and expenses till date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this **11th day of September 2020.**

The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Bank of Baroda** for an amount of **Rs.61,54,314.09/-** (Rupees Sixty One Lakhs Fifty Four Thousand Three Hundred Fourteen And nine Paisa Only) as on **29.02.2020** plus interest thereon at the contractual rate plus costs, charges and expenses till date of payment.

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Site bearing No.74, Khaneshumari No.188/74 Measuring East to West 70 feet, and North to South 30 feet, Totally Measuring 2100 sq feet, and Site No.75 Kahneshumari No.188/75 measuring East to West 70 feet and North to South 30 feet, totally measuring 2100 sq feet Constructed 331.2 Sq feet. ACC Sheet Building and Vacant Site and Site No.76 Khaneshumari No.188/76 measuring East to West 70 feet, and North to South 30 feet, totally measuring 2100 sq feet and site No.76A Khaneshumari No.188/76A measuring East to West 70 feet and North to South 30 feet, totally measuring 2100 sq feet. All 4 Sites totally measuring 8400 sq feet, Situated at Honnasandra Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamanagala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. On the East by: 30-0 feet Road, On the West by: Private Property, On the North by: Site No.73, On the South by: Site No.76B and Other Properties

Place : Bangalore
Date : 11.09.2020

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Bank of Baroda

Government of Karnataka

Office of The District Surgeon, District Hospital, Haveri – 581 110

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

The District Surgeon, District Hospital HAVERI invites e-Tender from the eligible tenderers through the e-procurement portal for Supply of Liquid Medical Oxygen and Transportation of Liquid Medical Oxygen from the Oxygen Plant to **6KL Liquid Medical Oxygen Storage tank in** District Hospital Haveri for the Period of one Year in Respect as per the PESO Guidelines and Two cover system as per rule 28 of KTPP Act 1999 & 2000.

TENDER Schedule of Events :

(1) Approximate value of Tender Rs. **98.00** lakhs (2) Earnest money deposit Rs. **1,96,000/-** (3) Commencement of download of e-Tender Form from website- http//eproc.karnataka.gov.in **14-09-2020** (4) Last Date for Uploading of Tender in e-procurement platform on or before **21-09-2020** up to 4.30 pm (5) Opening of Cover One Technical Bid **22-09-2020** @ 4.30 pm (6) Opening of Price Bid : Will be intimated to the Qualified Tenderers (7) PLACE OF Tender OPENING : DISTRICT HOSPITAL, HAVERI

DIPR/HVR/MC&A/164/2020-21

Sd/- District Surgeon, District Hospital, Haveri.

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ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್‌ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ (ಪೂ)
ಸಯ್ಯಾಜಿರಾವ್ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು–570024

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಮೈನಪಾ/ಕಾಇಂ(ಪೂ)ಟಿಎನ್–24/20–21 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 31.08.2020

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ

ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ Providing Pay and Parking in D.Devaraja Urs Road (From Old Santhepet Road Junction to JLB Road Junction), Mysuru City, ಮೇಲೆ ಕಾಣಿಸಿದ ಉಲ್ಲೇಖಿದನ್ವಯ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ **'E-Procurement Portal'** ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಮುಂದುವರೆದು ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಹೆಸರು, ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ ಹಾಗೂ ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಹಾಗೂ ಇನ್ನಿತರೆ ಷರತ್ತುಗಳ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಯವರ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ ಹಾಗೂ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04.09.2020**ರ ನಂತರ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ತಮ್ಮ ಬಿಡ್ಡನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳಿಗೆ ಬಿಡ್ಡನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 06.10.2020** ಹಾಗೂ ಬಿಡ್ಡನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 07.10.2020** ಮತ್ತು ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 08.10.2020** ರಂದು ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಇನ್ನಿತರೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಪೂ) ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/–
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಪೂ)
ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು.

ವಾಪಾಸಂಇ/ಮೈಸೂರು/ಎಸ್‌ಎಸ್‌1/474/2020–21

Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-op Bank Ltd.,

Head Office : B.H. Road, Tumkur-572103, Karnataka,
Phone : 0816-2257636 / 4021102-103, Fax : 0816-2255905,
Email : tgmcb_ho@hotmail.com, tgmcb.ho@gmail.com, Website : tgmcbank.com,

TENDER CUM - AUCTION SALE NOTICE

AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY UNDER SECURITISATION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Whereas, borrowers 1) **M/s. Sree Balaji Ply Woods** Represented By Its Partners **A) Mr. Ashok Kumar M** S/o Late Mohan C, **B) Mr. Balaji M** S/o Late Mohan C Office At #119/1 And 2, Infantry Road Bangalore 560 001 **2) M.R. Ashok Kumar** S/o Late Mohan C, Residing At #33/2, Osborne Road, Bangalore 560046, **3) Mr. Balaji M** S/o Late Mohan C, Residing At #33/2, Osborne Road, Bangalore 560046, **4) Mrs. A Sumitra** W/o M Ashok Kumar, Residing At #33/2, Osborne Road, Sivan Chetty Garden, Bangalore, **5) Mrs. M Laxmi** W/o Late Mohan C, Residing At #33/2, Osborne Road, Sivan Chetty Garden, Bangalore, **6) Sree Balaji Frame Works Rep By Partners A) Mr. Balaji M, B) Mrs. Sumithra A,** #73, Central Street, Bangalore 560 001, **7) Mr.Manjunath B H** S/o Late Honnappa, Residing At No.2020, 100 Feet Road, Near New Horizon School, Hal 2nd Stage, Indranagar, Bangalore 560008 having failed to repay the debt in respect of borrowing from **Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-op Bank Ltd.,** The total amount due and payable by them jointly and severally as per the agreed terms and conditions is **Rs.20,23,10,081/-** (Rupees Twenty Crore Twenty Three Lakhs Ten Thousand Eighty One Only) as on Dt.**01.01.2020,** along with interest at the applicable rate and costs thereon.

Whereas the Bank has issued notice under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and in pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (4) of the Act, the Authorized Officer has taken possession of the mortgaged property including those more fully described hereunder on , and the Bank has decided to sell the below mentioned property under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act read with the relevant rules of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Description of Property	Date & Time of Opening Tender and Place of Auction	Reserve Price & EMD Amount
SCHEDULE "A": All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing BBMP Khatha No. New 119, PID No. 78-1-119, Situated at Infantry Road, Bangalore, BBMP Ward No. 78- Vasanth nagar, totally measuring 8409 Sq. feet, Building there on and bounded on : East by : Private Property, West by : Western portion of Property No. 119, North by : Infantry Road, South by : Private Property **SCHEDULE "A1":** All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing BBMP Khatha No. New 119/3, PID No. 78-1-119/3, Situated at Infantry Road, Bangalore, BBMP Ward No. 78- Vasanth nagar, totally measuring 1269 Sq. feet, Building there on and bounded on : East by : Private Property, West by : Portion of Property No. 119, North by : Portion of property No. 119, South by : Private Property **SCHEDULE "A2":** All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing BBMP Khatha No. New 120/3, PID No. 78-1-120/3, Situated at Infantry Road, Bangalore, BBMP Ward No. 78- Vasanth nagar, totally measuring 1845 Sq. feet, Building there on and bounded on : East by : Private Property 119/3, West by : Private Property North by : Passage South by : Private Property **SCHEDULE "A3":** All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing BBMP Khatha No. New 119/1, PID No. 78-1-119/1, Situated at Infantry Road, Bangalore, BBMP Ward No. 78- Vasanth nagar, totally measuring 532 Sq. feet, Building there on and bounded on East by : Private Property, West by : Portion of Property No. 119, North by : Infantry Road, South by : Portion of Property No. 119 **SCHEDULE "A4":** All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing BBMP Khatha No. New 119/2, PID No. 78-1-119/2, Situated at Infantry Road, Bangalore, BBMP Ward No. 78- Vasanth nagar, totally measuring 539 Sq. feet, Building there on and bounded on East by : Property 119/1, West by : Portion of Property No. 119, North by : Infantry Road, South by : Portion of Property No. 119. **SCHEDULE "A5":** All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing BBMP Khatha No. New 73, PID No. 79-48-73, Situated at Central Street, Bangalore, BBMP Ward No. 79- Shivaji Nagar, totally measuring 715 Sq. feet, Building there on and bounded on : East by : Srinivas's Property, West by : Road, North by : Property No. 72, South by : Private No. 74	**16.10.2020 at 11.30 AM** **Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-Op Bank Ltd., Regional Office, 2ND Cross, 4TH Block, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar Bangalore.**	**SCHEDULE "A" &"A1"** **Rs.22,88,57,600/-** (Rupees Twenty Two Crore Eighty Eight Lakhs Fifty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Only) **EMD: Rs.2,28,85,760/-** (Rupees Two Crore Twenty Eight Lakhs Eighty Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Only) **SCHEDULE "A2"** **Rs.4,28,97,600/-** (Rupees Four Crore Twenty Eight Lakhs Ninety Seven Thousand Six Hundred Only) **EMD: Rs.42,89,760/-** (Rupees Fourty Two Lakhs Eighty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Only) **SCHEDULE "A3" & "A4"** **Rs.2,67,71,200/-** (Rupees Two Crore Sixty Seven Lakhs Seventy One Thousand Two Hundred Only) **EMD: Rs.26,77,120/- (Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs Seventy Seven Thousand One Hundred and Twenty only)** **SCHEDULE "A5"** **Rs.1,24,81,600/-** (Rupees One Crore Twenty Four Lakhs Eighty one Thousand Six Hundred Only) **EMD: Rs.12,48,160/-** (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Fourty Eighty Thousand One Hundred And Sixty only)

Terms and Conditions of Auction Sale: -(1) The Tender form can be collected from **Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-Op Bank Ltd., Regional Office, 2ND Floor Rajajinagar, 2nd Cross, ESI Road, 4th Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore. (ph. 080-41217185, Mob: 9449027476, 9620161186)** on all working days during office hours. **(2)** The intending bidders should submit their bids in the prescribed tender form in closed cover along with EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price by means of Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order drawn in favour of "Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-Op Bank Ltd.," payable at Bangalore. The Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order shall be drawn after the date of publication of this Tender – cum – Auction Sale Notice. **(3)**Tenders not in the prescribed format will not be accepted. The tender along with the EMD shall be submitted at **Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-Op Bank Ltd., Regional Office, 2ND Floor Rajajinagar, 2nd Cross, ESI Road, 4th Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore. Latest by 15.10.2020 before 5.00 P M.** Tender without EMD shall be summarily rejected. **(4)**The property "SHALL NOT" be sold below the reserve price. **(5)**In case the bidder is not successful the E M D amount shall be refunded without interest. **(6)**The EMD amount shall be liable for forfeiture without prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms and conditions of the Auction Sale. **(7)**The sealed tenders will be opened by the Authorized Officer in the presence of the available / attending bidders at **11.30 AM on 16.10.2020. (8)**After opening the tenders, the intending bidders may be given opportunity at the discretion of the Authorized Officer to have, intense bidding amongst themselves to enhance the offer Price. **(9)** The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the Sale Price (inclusive of EMD) immediately after the auction sale, on the same day, in Cash or Demand Draft and the balance of the Sale Price within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. In case of default by the successful bidder, all the amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited without notice and the property shall be put for re-auction. **(10)** The successful bidder shall bear the statutory dues / taxes / charges / property tax / E B charges / water charges / conveyance charges such as stamp duty, registration fee etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed in his favour, as per the applicable laws. **(11)**The Authorized Officer has absolute right to accept or reject any or all of the tender or/ bid / offer and / or adjourn / postpone / cancel the Auction Sale without assigning any reason, and also to modify an or all terms and conditions of the sale without prior notice. **(12)** The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank. **(13)** The property can be inspected by the intending bidder between 10.00 AM and -5.00PM at his expenses at the address mentioned in the Schedule. **(14)** The property is put for sale on **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" and "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION"**. The intending bidder shall satisfy himself about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances etc. of the property. For further details the intending bidders may contact the **Authorized Officer, Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-Op Bank Ltd., Regional Office, 2nd Floor, 2nd Cross, ESI Road, 4th Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore. (ph. 080-41217185, Mobile: 9449027476, 9620161186) -Mail: securitization@tgmcbank.com**

Place : Bangalore
Date : 14.09.2020

Sd/- Authorised Officer
TUMKUR GRAIN MERCHANTS CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,

City Municipal Council Office, Challakere, Chitradurga District.

No.: C.CMC/Technical/CMC.F 19-20/Tender-02/C.R.01/2020-21
Date: 09.09.2020

Tender Notice

Itemwar Tenders are invited through e-procurement portal (http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) as per Karntaka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 & Rules – 2000 and Standard Tender Document KW-3 of Finance Department from eligible Civil Contractors registered in Karnataka Public Works Department for undertaking works (Indent No. 103524, 103527) sanctioned under City Municipal Council Fund for the year 2019-20 and Tenders can be downloaded and uploaded in e-procurement portal (http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) up to 4.30 PM on 25.09.2020. For further information the following websites may be viewed www.challakerecity.mrc.gov.in and (http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) and has been displayed in the Notice Board of the office. Further information can be obtained from the Technical Section during office hours.

DIPR/CTA/MCA/ 353/2020-21

Sd/- Municipal Commissioner
City Municipal Council, Challakere.

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

Office of the Executive Engineer, Project South, South Zone Office Complex, 9th Main, 9th Cross, Jayanagara 2nd Block, Bengaluru-560 011.

No.: EEP(S)/E-Procu/27/2020-21 Date: 14-09-2020

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

(Single Cover System), (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only)

The Executive Engineer, Project South, BBMP, invites tenders on behalf of the commissioner, BBMP, Bengaluru from eligible Tenderers for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Amount put to tender (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1.	Construction of Milk Dairy booth and other development works in Chennammanakere Achukattu in Ward No.164, Vidyapeetha.	46.80	93,600/-
2.	Debris clearance for BBMP Property and development works in Ward No.163.	20.00	40,000/-
3.	Maintenance of Vermi Composit shed building in Ward No.163, Kathriguppe.	30.00	60,000/-

Calendar of Events: (1). Last Date &Time for receipt of Tenders is : **03-10-2020 up to 4:00 p.m. (2).** Financial Bid opening date: **05-10-2020 at 4:00 p.m.** Further particulars can be obtained from the above office during working hours on working days or from **website: https://eproc. karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-, Executive Engineer, Project South, BBMP.

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Office of the Executive Engineer, MPED-Central, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560 001.

No.: EE(MPED-C)Tend/05/CALL-2/2020-21 Date: 14-09-2020

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only)

The Executive Engineer, (MPED-C), BBMP Bengaluru invites tender, it is found necessary to procure various items required, therefore tenders are invited from the reputed dealers/ manufacturers/Suppliers/Individuals for supply as indicated in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Amount put to tender (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs. Lakhs)
1.	Supply of Consumable materials Required for BBMP Quality Control Laboratory in BBMP Head Premises.	02.52	0.07

Calendar of Events: 1). The Tender documents can be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Govt. of Karnataka from **15-09-2020 (2).** Last date for tender submitted online through e-procurement portal on **28-09-2020 before 4:00 p.m. (3).** Bids will be opened on **30-09-2020 at 4:00 p.m.** Further particulars can be obtained from the above office during working hours on working days or from **website: https://eproc. karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-, Executive Engineer, MPED-Central, BBMP.

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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, SWM, Room No.204, 2nd Floor, Annex Building-3, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-56002

No.: EE(SWM)/TEND/03/20-21 Date: 14-09-2020

INVITATION FOR TENDERS (IFT)

(Through e-Procurement only) (Two Cover System)

The Executive Engineer, Solid Waste Management Division, BBMP, Bengaluru on behalf of the Commissioner, BBMP invites short term service tender for the following service from reputed consultants for consultancy services for Project Management Quality Control (PMC) supervision and preparation of Bill of Quantities for SWM Division for the below mentioned works.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Project Cost (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs)
1	For Village Development works in and around Mittaganahalli Landfill sites including maintenance of present landfill site.	1500.00	20,000/-
2	For Developmental works to be undertaken around solid waste disposal Processing unit Mittaganahalli (Mahadevapura Constituency-Annexure-5 Sl No 22)	5000.00	50,000/-

Calendar of Events : (1) RFP Documents may be downloaded from e-Procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from **16.09.2020. (2)** Last date for submission of completed documents: **23.09.2020 upto 4.00 PM. (3)** Date of Opening of Technical Bid: **24.09.2020 at 4.30 PM.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Solid Waste Division

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I, **Aniket Mohapatra,** S/o Shashanka Kumar Mohapatra, R/o #592/04, 7th camp, AFS Jalahalli(East), Bangalore -13 declares that in my 10th & 12th board certificates my Father's name has been mentioned wrongly as **Shashanka Mohapatra** by mistake, instead of **Shashanka Kumar Mohapatra,** vide affidavit dated 14-09-2020 sworn before Notary K. C. Pemmaiah, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) PRAKTI, Residing at No. 402, B.Block, Sashank Florento Apartment, Amba Bhavani Temple Road, Doddabettahalli, Vidyaranyapura Post, Bengaluru-560097, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) PRAKTI** to **(NEW NAME) PRAKTI PRAKASH** vide affidavit Dated 05/09/2020 sworn before Notary Ramesh Kumar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) DARSHAN RAJ, S/o. Nagaraj, residing at No. 261, GPR Royale Layout, Huskur Road, Electronic City, Bangalore-560100, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) DHARSHAN RAJ N** vide affidavit Dated 09/09/2020 sworn before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **BHAGYA THERESA .J,** D/o Madaiah. S, residing at St. Anne's Generalate, No.2, Millers Road, Vasanthnagar, Bangalore-560052, have changed my name from **CHOWDAMMA. M** to **BHAGYA THERESA. J,** vide affidavit dated 14.09.2020, before Notary **G. KASPAR,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) KHADAR VALI, Residing at No. 1346, 5th Cross, 5th Main, Munigappa Layout, Kaval Byrasandra, R.T.Nagar Post, Bangalore-32, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) SHAIK KHADER VALI** vide affidavit Dated 12/09/2020 sworn before Notary G.B.Turamari, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **DEEPALI KUMARI,** residing at No. 16, Uma Devi Apartment Flat B2, 4th Cross, Narasimiah layout, Vijinapura Ramamurthy Nagar, Bengaluru-560016, have changed my name from **DEEPALI** to **DEEPALI KUMARI,** further declare that to consider my name **DEEPALI KUMARI,** vide affidavit dated 01.09.2020, before Advocate & Notary **G. RAJENDRA,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **CHORADA SONALBEN. B** is legally wedded spouse of **No.7787030Y, Rank: SEP (ARTISAN),** Name : **BHEVALIYA LALABHAI BHIKHUBHAI** presently residing at signal Training Wing, CMP Center and School, Bangalore-25, Permanently residing at H.No.179, Military Society, Village & Post: BHAVNAGAR Police Station, 'D' Division, Teh and District: BHAVNAGAR, State: GUJRAT, Pin-364004, I have changed my name from **CHORADA SONALBEN. B** to **BHEVALIYA SONALBEN LALBHAI,** vide affidavit dated 11.09.2020, before Notary **VIJAYAMURTHY R SONDE,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SUBODHKANT PODDAR, S/o Rajendra Poddar Residing at: House No.166/3, 5th Cross, Vinayaka Layout Puttenahalli, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560064, have changed my name from **SUBODHKANT PODDAR** to **S K PODDAR** and my correct Date of Birth is 01-01-1975 Vide Affidavit Dated 11-09-2020 sworn to before Notary Public G.P. Chaya, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

We, **P.S. KUMAR,** aged about 56 years S/o Late P.A.P Shastry and UMA RANI KUMAR, aged about 51 years, W/o P.S. Kumar, Both are residing at No.22, Kaustuba Kunj, SSA Road, 3rd Cross, Hebbal, RT Nagar Post, Bangalore-560032, changed our daughter's name from **SHARANYA. K** to **SHARANYA K SHASTRY,** vide affidavit dated 14.09.2020, before Advocate & Notary **LEELA,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ASHWINI .N** W/o Suresh Babu, D/o R. Narayanaswamy, aged about 31 years, r/of Khadripura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Mulbagal Taluku-563131, have changed my name from **AMALU @ AMARAVATHI** to **ASHWINI.N,** vide affidavit dated 05.09.2020, before Advocate & Notary **T.C. THIMMARAJA,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, DAYAL CHOUDHARY, F/o Veerender Choudhary Residing at: C/o Sagar Electricals and Hardware, Yellahanka Old Town, Bangalore-560064, have changed my minor son's name **VEERENDER CHOUDHARY** to **VEERENDER DAGER** vide Affidavit dated 12/09/2020 sworn to before Notary Public G.P. CHAYA, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **VIVEK GODBOLE** S/o Ashok Godbole, aged about 51 years, residing at : No.314, Block-B4, Kendriya, Vihar, Kogilu cross, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560064, have changed my name from **VIVEK ASHOK GODBOLE** to **VIVEK GODBOLE,** that my correct name is **VIVEK GODBOLE,** vide affidavit dated 11.09.2020, before advocate & Notary **S. R. RAVIKUMAR,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, TANVI RAGHURAM, D/o Late Raghuram H K, #61, Mitrananda Apartments, Flat #102, 1st Main Road, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore -560020 have changed my name from TANVI to TANVI RAGHURAM affidavit dated 8 Sept 2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary, H.S.Sakalesh Aradhya Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SISTER RIA, D/o Emmanuel, residing at Holy Cross Provincialate, Medico Social Centre, Mauthinagar, Madivala, Bangalore-560068 shall henceforth be known as **MARIAMMA EMMANUEL RIA** vide affidavit dated 08.09.2020 before notary N K LAKSHMANA, Bangalore.

DECLARATION

I, Bantwal Nandini Bhat, W/o Late Raghuram H K, #61, Mitrananda Apartments, Flat #102, 1st Main Road, Sheshadripuram,Bangalore -560020 hereby declare that B.Nandini Bhat, Nandini Raghuram, Nandini Bhat all belongs to me only, affidavit dated 8 Sept 2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary, H.S.Sakalesh Aradhya Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **LAKSHMI** W/O **P SAMUEL BLESSINGTON,** R/at No.10,4th B Cross, 1st main road, Muniswamy Reddy Layout, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore-560016 have changed my name to **LYDIA BLESSINGTON** vide affidavit dated:14/09/2020 Before Notary **T.S.Changalvaraya Moorthy** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SYED SADATH, S/o Syed Gaffar, residing at No. 231/9, New No. 17, 1st Main Road, Devaraj Urs Nagar, Old Guddadahalli, Bengaluru-560026, have changed my Minor Daughter's name from **SARIYA AMEEN** to **SARIA AMIN SADATH** vide affidavit Dated 14/9/2020 sworn before Notary T.C. Thimmaraja, Bangalore.

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The NIA on Monday again sought custody of five persons including prime accused Swapna Suresh and Sandeep Nair in the case related to the smuggling of gold via the diplomatic channel. The petition was filed before the NIA court in Kochi.

Jaleel need not quit, says Pinarayi

Investigating agencies checked with minister about details of religious texts, says Kerala CM

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THREE days after the Enforcement Directorate quizzed Higher Education Minister KT Jaleel in connection with the smuggling of gold through the UAE diplomatic baggage, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said categorically on Monday that there is no need for Jaleel to quit over the incident.

There was no precedence of a minister quitting after being interrogated as part of an investigation, he said. "Some quarters sent a lot of complaints deliberately to the investigating agencies and it's their responsibility to bring clarity to the complaints," Pinarayi said in his press briefing. "There are no charges levelled against the minster. Only some fabricated stories are doing the rounds. So there is no need for the state government to worry over the incident," he said.

Reiterating that the investigation is progressing in the right direction, the CM said the investigating agencies checked with Jaleel about the details of the consignment of religious texts received from the UAE Consulate as he is the minister in charge of the Wakf Board.

Police disperse MSF workers using water cannons who protested in Kochi on Monday demanding the resignation of minister K T Jaleel | A SANESH

"The minister himself clarified the circumstances that led to the import of religious texts with the help of the UAE consulate," he said. The CPM secretary himself had clarified on the issue related to his son, he added.

Asked why Jaleel was unwilling to acknowledge the fact that he was quizzed by ED sleuths, the CM said he was unaware of it. He also reminded an incident in which CBI questioned him after some quarters complained in 1996 that a person gave him Rs 2 crore during elections to receive some favour.

"The CBI sleuths who quizzed me then said that there was nothing in the complaint, but they had to check it with him in the wake of the complaint," he said.

On allegations against the wife of Industries Minister E P Jayarajan and the son of CPM state secretary Kodiyeri Balakrishnan, the CM said deliberate attempts were being made to tarnish the image of CPM leaders and their families.

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TN ASSEMBLY SESSION

NEET ROCKS HOUSE ON THE 1ST DAY OF MONSOON SESSION

T MURUGANANDHAM @ Chennai

MONSOON session of the State Assembly had a stormy start on Monday, with the Opposition pressing its demand for a ban on the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET). Leader of the Opposition, MK Stalin said many NEET aspirants had died during the past few days, and that a condolence resolution should be adopted. DMK MLAs were also seen wearing face masks with the words: "Ban NEET, Save TN students."

Speaking to reporters after the House was adjourned, Stalin charged that the ruling AIADMK had failed to exert sufficient pressure on the Centre to scrap NEET, and that the government was staging a drama in this regard. However, Minister C Vijayabaskar hit out at Stalin's remarks and said, neither the DMK nor the Congress had any moral rights to raise the NEET issue.

"Everyone knew that the Medical Council of India's (MCI) notification for NEET was issued on December 27, 2010, when the Congress-DMK led government was in power." NEET was being implemented based on a Supreme Court verdict, and the AIADMK had been consistent in opposing the same, the minister added.

Meanwhile, Stalin also said numerous notices were given by the DMK and its allies, to discuss various issues of public interests, including the National Education Policy (NEP) and NEET, however, the Speaker did not accept those demands.

In remembrance

On the first of the three-day session, the House also paid homage to late parliamentarians – former President Pranab Mukherjee, Congress MP H Vasanthakumar, DMK MLA J Anbazhagan -- and those who lost their lives fighting the pandemic, including the frontline staff.

NEW VENUE

This session particulary garners attention as the Assembly venue has been shifted after a gap of 10 years. In 2010, it was held in the New Assembly hall constructed in Omandurar Government Estate, during the previous DMK regime. However, after the AIADMK came to power in 2011, it was shifted to Fort St George. The venue has now been shifted to Kalaivanar Arangam so as to maintain social distancing among the members.

SPEAKING OUT

Former judges defend actor Suriya

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

FORMER Madras High Court judges on Monday came in defence of actor **Suriya**, after justice SM Subramanian wrote a letter to Chief Justice AP Sahi, seeking criminal contempt court proceedings against the cinestar. In a Twitter statement on Sunday, Suriya had remarked that while even courts were rendering justice through virtual proceedings, students were being forced to appear for NEET in person.

Retired HC judges -- Justice K Chandru, KN Basha, T Sudanthiram, D Hariparanthaman, K Kannan and GM Akbar Ali -- have written a a letter, addressed to the Chief Justice, asking him to put the issue to rest by not initiating any contempt proceedings against the actor. In their letter, the judges said: "If the actor's statement is read in its totality, and considering the good work done by him through his charitable trust – which helped hundreds of poor students to complete their higher education and get placements -- we should show generosity and magnanimity in leaving the matter without any cognizance."

The judges added that it appears the actor had pointed out that the same court which dispenses justice through video conference had asked students to write the exam "without any fear". "We are afraid that considering such a statement as contempt of court would slightly off the mark, and it did not require any action as requested by the judge," said the letter.

Nimbalkar favoured IMA MD, says order

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THE three others whose prosecution was cleared in a separate order on September 11 are E B Sridhar, the then CID DySP; M Ramesh, the then police inspector of Commercial Street police station and P Gowrishankar, who was sub-inspector at Commercial Street station then.

The order states that IGP Hemant Nimbalkar showed undue interest to favour Mohammed Mansoor Khan, the MD of IMA, and he wanted to protect the activities of Khan and save him from any action by the government. "Nimbalkar, in turn, received favours from Khan in cash and kind as per the information collected during the investigation," the order stated.

As per the order, Ajay Hilori demanded and accepted illegal gratification on various occasions from Khan through Nijamuddin, Director and Operational Manager, IMA, for favouring the company by delaying the report to RBI and for not taking action against IMA on various complaints in connivance with other public servants. "Further, he (Hilori) also accepted furniture and interior items for his house from IMA when the matter was pending with him by misusing his official position," the order read.

The sanction is given to prosecute the officers for offences punishable under section 120B (criminal conspiracy), 420 (cheating), 406 (criminal breach of trust), 409 (criminal breach of trust by public servant) of the IPC and under section 9 of Karnataka Protection of Interest of Depositors in Financial Establishment (KPIDFE) Act 2004. The nod is given under section 197 of the Criminal Procedure Code and also under section 170 of the Karnataka Police Act.

When the government consulted the Law Department before according sanction, the Advocate General opined, "The CID seems to have taken a bizarre and strange stand that since the money was classified as 'investment' and not termed as 'deposit', the same did not attract the provisions of KPID Act. Such a hair-splitting interpretation clearly shows intent to favour the accused. The materials placed on record clearly indicate the role played by each of the accused."

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THE DIVINE ARCHITECT

An artist gives final touches to an idol of Lord Vishwakarma, ahead of the puja in Bhubaneswar on Monday | BISWANATH SWAIN

Students claim NLAT paper leaked

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

STUDENTS who wrote the National Law Aptitude Test (NLAT), conducted by National Law School of India University (NLSIU) , on Monday were in for a shocker when word spread that the paper for the entrance examination was leaked. The test was held on Monday to make up for the previous slot of the examination (September 12) which was marred by technical glitches.

Students claimed that the paper was leaked as questions made their way to social media platforms and emails during the course of the examination. The institute said the claims of the paper leak were "unfounded".

"The test paper was accessible to candidates only after they logged in to the platform. Therefore it appears that some candidates have copied the questions and circulated them on some messaging apps/ emails after logging in," said a note by the institute.

"While this is a malpractice under the NLAT guidelines, it does not affect the integrity of the exam," it added.

Candidates who are identified for unusual behaviour while answering will be disqualified, it clarified.

Students were also perturbed about the hasty announcement of the exam which commenced at 12.30pm. Another email made the rounds, asking candidates to send screenshots of the grievances faced during the examination, for details to be placed before the Supreme Court.

The institute, however, clarified that they were carefully scrutinising the digital records of the NLAT 2020 exam to accurately identify malpractice.

The institute did not disclose the total number of students who attempted the exam on Monday. But it only said that 80 per cent of the students who sought an additional slot appeared for the examination. A hearing is scheduled for September 16, where students are likely to know the validity of the exam. The institute, meanwhile, cannot declare results nor proceed with admissions.

High Court upholds GO on promoting students

The Karnataka High Court upheld the State Government's order on guidelines to promote intermediate semester students to the next semester for 2019-20, in view of the Covid-19 pandemic. A division bench of Justice B V Nagarathna and Justice Ravi V Hosmani dismissed a PIL, filed by S P Venkatesh of Basaveshwaranagar, that challenged the government order dated July 10, 2020, on the grounds that it was unscientific. According to the order, students of intermediate semesters for 2019-20, both in undergraduate and postgraduate courses, should be promoted to the higher semester based on their grading comprising 50% marks on pattern of internal evaluation and 50% on the performance in the previous year. ENS

Rudresh murder: Court dismisses PFI district president's bail

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

A special National Investigation Agency (NIA) court has dismissed the bail petition of Asim Shariff, district president of the Popular Front of India (PFI), who has been in judicial custody since 2016 in connection with the murder of RSS worker Rudresh.

Rudresh was hacked to death on October 16, 2016, under Commercial Street police station limits in the city. The petitioner had moved the court for bail on health grounds.

Judge Venkatesh R Hulgi dismissed the bail plea recently, observing that the health problems of the petitioner can be very well managed in jail and he can be admitted to a super speciality hospital under the supervision of jail authorities.

Contending that he is innocent, 45-year-old Shariff stated that he has cardiovascular diseases and also suffers from hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, and so he is at risk due to Covid-19. He also has to look after his aged mother, wife and three minor daughters, Shariff said in the petition.

The special public prosecutor countered that there are serious allegations against the petitioner, and if he granted bail just because of Covid, it will send a wrong message to society. The previous bail and discharge applications filed by the accused were rejected by this court and also by the High Court. As there has been no change in the circumstances, the petitioner is not entitled to regular bail, he argued.

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> Judge Venkatesh R Hulgi

KST Press to produce ticket rolls

PREEJA PRASAD @Bengaluru

IN view of the modernisation of the Karnataka State Transport (KST) Press, the Karnataka State Transport Corporation (KSRTC) has procured two e-ticketing slitting machines. The two machines were inaugurated on Monday by KSRTC chairman, M Chandrappa.

The machines were also procured to make the corporations independent with its own in-house rolls.

The KST Press was printing manual tickets so far. However, due to digitisation of tickets which led to e-ticketing machines in 2006, the KST Press started purchasing ticketing paper rolls from private parties and stopped printing manual tickets.

Chandrappa said that these machines were used to slit jumbo thermal reels into small rolls used by bus conductors in their hand-held electronic ticketing machines (ETMs). The cost per machine is Rs 10 lakh.

"Sometimes, we supply old manual ticket books to the BMTC since they use it as an alternative. The KST Press used to produce 4 lakh books a year. The two machines will cater to all the 12 divisions of KSRTC," a KSRTC officer told TNIE. The machines are environment friendly since they will not include the plastic pipe to support the rolls. The machines were also manufactured in the country under the 'Make In India' initiative.

Currently, all STUs use 1.5 crores of ETM rolls per year. With no plastic being used, the corporations can save Rs 75 lakh per year as each plastic core costs Rs 50 paise.

The machines can produce 16,000 rolls per day which will help the KST Press earn Rs 4.80 crore annually. The corporation is now looking at procuring two more machines in order to supply ETM rolls to other STUs in Karnataka.

EXPRESS READ

Man stabbed to death by friends

Bengaluru: A 24-year-old man was stabbed to death by his friends during a drunken brawl in Jalahalli on Monday. The police nabbed the two accused within four hours of the incident coming to light. The deceased Chandan used to work as a caretaker in an academy. A senior police officer said that Chandan and two of his friends came to meet Madhu and Anjan around 9.30 pm at Tarahunase bus stop. All of them were under the influence of alcohol and an argument broke out between them. In the melee, Madhu took out a knife and stabbed Chandan and fled with Anjan. Chandan was rushed to a hospital where he succumbed. Based on a complaint by one of Chandan's friend, Jalahalli police nabbed the duo. ENS

Two held for snatching mobile phones, 45 recovered

Bengaluru: Two miscreants, who had barged into a house and snatched a mobile phone from a person, have been nabbed by the Byadarahalli police. Manja alias Bikash (19) and Raju alias Rao (30) were arrested on Sunday, after police tracked them down through CCTV footage from the house. Police have also recovered 45 smartphones, worth approximately Rs 3 lakh. "The accused are drug addicts. They used to snatch mobile phones and gold chains from lone walkers and women to fuel their drug habit," an officer said. A police officer said that on September 8, a private company employee was on a phone call inside his house, when the duo barged in, snatched his phone and fled. On Sunday, the police traced the accused and caught them red-handed when they were about to snatch a phone from a labourer. The duo told the police about their rented house in Balajinagar from where the smartphones were recovered. ENS

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EDITORIAL

"I don't believe democracy is, or should be, a means to particular substantive or ideological ends.... If you see democracy as an instrumental good, and it doesn't produce the substantive outcomes you prefer (say, liberalism), then it becomes easier to discard"

Shadi Hamid

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— Ramnath Goenka

PARLIAMENT SESSION IN THE TIME OF PANDEMIC

The monsoon session of Parliament is meeting under unprecedented circumstances, with unprecedented measures of social distancing in place. That 25 members of Parliament were found Covid positive in the mandatory tests prescribed before everyone assembled goes to show the pandemic has not plateaued in any way—and 200 MPs are of vulnerable age. The political class needs to strictly abide by safety norms while continuing public activities. Their everyday style of working puts them at risk; enough of them have contracted the infection to prove that. The staggered seating arrangements, with the additional precaution of polycarbonate partitions between seats, and features such as the app-based attendance the presiding officers have put in, may help.

But this is about the form, the content of the session must also match these efforts. Houses of Parliament cannot just become stamps of majority vote for legislation the treasury needs to get passed—18 bills are slated to be taken up—or for ordinances and supplementary demands for grants. The prime minister, making his customary remarks prior to the first day's sitting, said he hoped Parliament would unitedly give a strong message to China and the Indian soldier at the borders—a resolution will probably be adopted on the Indo-China situation. The Congress has introduced an adjournment motion on the LAC, while the CPI(M) has one on the Delhi riots and arrests related to it.

For citizens, struggling against a pandemic that's touching ever new crests and a deep-sliding economy, a non-partisan approach towards issues could have a calming, salutary effect. Political strife and shrill rhetoric is the last thing people, already stressed beyond limits, should be subjected to. It is incumbent on the treasury to reach out to the opposition and find a middle ground. This cannot become another session wasted on political upmanship, held only to score television points with an eye on upcoming state elections and bypolls.

THIEM'S TURN TO BASK IN THE LIMELIGHT

In the era of 'The Big Three', it's understandable why it took so long for a men's singles tennis player born in the 1990s to win a Slam. In the last 17 years, Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic have won 55 of the 66 Majors. In fact, their domination has been so total that since 2004, there have been only five finals contested without the presence of at least one of the three. In that context, Dominic Thiem's maiden Slam win on Sunday is a breath of fresh air.

But is it the dawn of a new era? Till the time the Austrian proves himself against the three above-mentioned players, one will have to wait and watch. The 27-year-old has, for sometime, been the main pretender to the throne. Among all active men's players, no one aged 30 or below has as many as his four appearances in Major finals. He has a winning record against Federer (5-2), and multiple wins over both Djokovic (4-7) and Nadal (5-9). He is accustomed to duelling against three of the game's greatest players on the biggest stages and has come out on top. But he needs to develop that ruthlessness. It's why those three have ruled men's tennis with an iron fist—they don't give opponents second chances. In all three previous Slam finals featuring Thiem—two against Nadal (2018 and 2019 French Opens) and one against Djokovic (2020 Australian Open)—the World No. 3 learned it first hand. He didn't grasp the opportunity when it was provided to him. He was leading against the Serb but failed to close out the match.

As we saw in the final against Alexander Zverev, he is still prone to starting matches slowly. But because the German was equally error prone, Thiem found his way back into the encounter. Against the likes of Nadal and Djokovic, he won't get a second invitation. This win will tell him that he belongs and will act as a morale booster. The French Open that begins next Monday is an apt staging ground to see how far away Thiem is from Nadal. While Thiem loves playing on the dirt, Nadal is the surface's high priest. If Thiem can successfully challenge the Spaniard, then we can perhaps start talking about a new world order. Until then, it's time to wait and watch.

Evidence has emerged of severe direct viral assault on the heart muscle. It raises the question of considering Covid a chronic disease, rather than an acute infection transient in its effects on many

HOW COVID HITS THE HEART AND WHAT THAT MEANS

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TAPAS RANJAN

Like the mythical Cupid's arrow, the very real Covid virus seems to aim for the heart as it flies towards you through the air. The 'respiratory' virus is not confined to the nose, throat and lungs that form the initial landing bay. It spreads soon thereafter via the blood vessels to reach different parts of the body. The heart, brain, pancreas and kidneys are among the many organs to be affected as the virus reaches every part of the body, with varied clinical manifestations and poor outcomes in those who are affected badly.

The initial attention was on respiratory effects like dry cough, viral pneumonia and acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS). These effects were seen to be similar to, but less lethal than, the Serious Acute Respiratory Infection Syndrome of SARS-1 virus. Hence the name SARS-CoV-2 conferred on the new virus. The effects of the virus on the heart and blood vessels were recognised as the pandemic progressed, with autopsy evidence from Italy initially highlighting the extensive thrombosis or blood clotting along the blood vessels of the body. The recognition of 'myocarditis' or inflammation of the heart muscle came soon thereafter.

That there is injury to the heart was evident from the elevation of the blood levels of various enzymes and other chemical markers that are derived from the heart muscle or in response to cardiac muscle dysfunction. The question was whether this is a direct effect of the virus or a result of the immunologically mediated inflammation that arises in response to viral infection. That would have a bearing on the treatment, in deciding whether anti-inflammatory or immunosuppressive drugs would be beneficial or if antiviral drugs need to be used to target the virus itself.

Initially, it was assumed to be an effect of the body's immunological response going into overdrive, harming the heart muscle with toxic chemicals that are primarily intended to destroy the virus but surge to high levels in the circulating blood. Lung damage due to viral infection can also place stress on the heart, as do large blood clots that compromise blood circulation through the lungs. Falling blood oxygen levels themselves can cause heart muscle dysfunction. Blood clots in the coronary arteries, which supply the heart with blood, can lead to heart attacks. Thus, the cardiac problem was perceived to be a secondary phenomenon due to immunological injury or mechanical factors impeding blood circulation to the lungs or the heart.

However, recent evidence has emerged of direct viral assault on the heart muscle. Scientists at the San Francisco-based Gladstone Institutes attempted to study the effect of the virus on heart muscle fibres, independent of other factors that may cause heart muscle dysfunction. They added the SARS-CoV-2 virus to human heart cells grown in lab culture dishes. They were shocked to see the virus cleanly cut the heart muscle fibres (cardiomyocytes) into small bits. They said this type of dicing was unlike anything they had observed before in any other disease affecting the heart. There were also black holes in the nucleus of heart muscle cells where the DNA should have been, with the appearance of empty shells. Other human heart cells (cardiac fibroblasts and endothelial cells) were unaffected. Autopsy specimens of hearts from patients who died of Covid-19 also showed similar findings of 'cardiac muscle fibre carnage'. Earlier, a cardiac MRI study in Germany showed evidence of heart muscle damage in relatively young people who had mild disease and whose average age was 49 years.

> Scientists were shocked to see the virus cleanly cut the heart muscle fibres into bits. They said this was unlike anything they had observed earlier. ... The heart does not have regenerative capacity like the liver. Will the islands of damage to the heart muscle, even if asymptomatic now, lead to problems when people move into old age?

This evidence of direct heart muscle damage by the virus is worrisome in terms of long-term effects and may explain the prolonged fatigue and low exercise capacity in many persons who have been clinically declared to have recovered from Covid-19. It raises the question of considering Covid-19 a chronic disease, rather than an acute infection that is transient in its effects on many in the population. Unfortunately, the heart does not have regenerative capacity like the liver. Will the islands of damage to the heart muscle, even if asymptomatic now, lead to problems when people move into old age? We do not know, but the question does argue for caution even among the young and middle aged who consider themselves protected from the debilitating effects of the virus.

The relationship of pre-existing heart disease and high blood pressure to increased risk of experiencing severe disease or dying of Covid-19 is well established from reports of the pandemic from different countries. That poses the immediate threat. Whether fresh heart muscle damage caused by the virus itself aggravates cardiac dysfunction in persons with pre-existing disease or creates long-lasting cardiac disease in others who previously had healthy hearts needs to be examined. Either way, it is likely to be a contributory factor to adverse clinical outcomes. The message to protect one's heart from the SARS CoV-2 virus, whether previously diseased or pristine, comes as a clear one as we all observe the World Heart Day (WHD) on September 29. It is timely that the World Heart Federation, which initiated WHD along with the WHO, has recently initiated a large global study on the cardiovascular effects of Covid-19.

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AGENDA FOR DEMOCRATIC REFORMS

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While celebrating International Democracy Day today, a fundamental question may, or rather should, catch hold of our thought process. And that is: Is democracy actually being seen as delivering? After the third wave of democracy that the world witnessed in the 1950s, the discussion about the advisability of democracy almost disappeared. The latest example was that of East Timor. When this new nation took birth some two decades earlier, the question—whether people there can handle democracy?—didn't arise. It was presumed that theirs would be a democratic government and governance systems were established there accordingly.

Obviously then, the acceptability of democracy has increased manifold. But this has not erased question marks about its efficacy. In CIS countries, as pointed out by several surveys during the last decade, nostalgia for Soviet days continues to grip popular minds. Today, the subject of diminishing popular satisfaction levels about democratic governance is not confined only to former USSR countries. As pointed out by a 2020 survey of the Centre for Future of Democracy of the Bennet Institute, UK, "Across the globe, democracy is in a state of malaise. In the mid-1990s, a majority of citizens in countries for which we have time-series data—in North America, Latin America, Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Asia and Australasia—were satisfied with the performance of their democracies. Since then, the share of individuals who are 'dissatisfied' with democracy has risen by around +10% points, from 47.9 to 57.5%." The report further points out: "This is the highest level of global dissatisfaction since the start of the series in 1995. After a large increase in civic dissatisfaction in the prior decade, 2019 represents the highest level of democratic discontent on record."

Ironic, but it is true that democracy as a system of governance has still not been able to secure a true enduring popular mandate. The reasons for this are not far to seek. Like any other system of government, democracy too is judged by its ability to make a significant difference to the lives of people. Just because democracy is all about freedom, liberty and human rights, it may not be able to secure a moral high ground. Practically speaking, people who not just enjoy but also greatly value individual freedom, every kind of liberty and protection of their human rights too want democracy to go beyond all these inherent features. Understandably, they want democracy to make their lives comparatively and measurably better than life in a non-democratic country.

One of the main prerequisites of democracy for it to be able to deliver on these counts is scientific cultivation of democratic institutions. If we take into consideration the three cardinal institutions—political parties, Parliament and media—the way they operate today leaves huge scope for reforms.

Political party reforms are perhaps central to this discussion. Parties are primary vehicles in a representative democracy. Parties are symbols of the element of choice, which is at the very core of the idea of India. Once described as 'empty vessels' by *The Economist*, parties as institutions require a closer look and a slew of reforms are needed to strengthen them in all democracies of the world, including in India. Firstly, in India, not just for the formation but even for the dissolution of a political party today, there is no serious process framework. Out of over 1,700 political parties either registered or recognised, not more than 50 have representatives in either Parliament or state Legislatures. Out of these 50, not more than a dozen are ideology-based. All others are mostly dynasty-centric. Secondly, issues like functioning of these parties, internal democracy in their organisational conduct and their distinct policy perspectives, etc., are factors that need systemic reforms. Thirdly, some key reforms in the functional framework of political parties are a must. Can we not make it mandatory for all recognised political parties to run a simple informative website that is updated regularly? Can it be made mandatory for all parties to publish their annual report of activities? Can running a policy research centre be made mandatory for all recognised political parties? Small but important measures like these may help parties establish popular connect even in a non-election period and perhaps also end opaqueness in their functioning.

> When the pillars of democracy start corroding, the edifice appears unsettled. One of the main prerequisites of democracy for it to be able to deliver is scientific cultivation of democratic institutions. If we take into consideration the three cardinal institutions—political parties, Parliament and media—the way they operate today leaves huge scope for reforms

The functioning of our Parliament and state Legislatures too need reforms. For decades, we have been working with the same old, traditional equipments of parliamentary business. We need to evolve new, imaginative ways and means of raising issues and satisfactorily resolving them. This will also add to the productivity of our Houses. Why should we allow smooth conduct of business and overall functioning of the House to be taken hostage by a handful of MPs/MLAs who are out to disrupt it? Especially when Question Hour or Zero Hour are lost, people lose an opportunity to raise important issues. These precious opportunities can be saved if the possibility of starting a new practice of conducting Question Hour/Zero Hour in the chamber of the presiding officer is explored. Similarly, why can't we have a PPT presentation or screening of an authentic video as evidence by a minister or a member in the House? Aggressive use of IT may open up innumerable opportunities for a more participative functioning of Parliament. After all, new challenges demand new experiments.

Media and social media also need reforms. While print media is still retaining its seriousness, electronic media needs reforms coming from within. For years, the government has been waiting for the broadcasters' association to come out with a self-regulation mechanism. Unless such self-regulations are willingly adopted and sincerely followed, electronic media is bound to lose credibility. Trivialisation of content coupled with sensationalism in presentation are the twin ills afflicting electronic media. While surrendering before so-called market compulsions, electronic media is refusing to discharge its duty of educating the masses, shaping public opinion and cultivating popular tastes. There is reason to be apprehensive about the emerging digital media and social media too. Social media has facilitated democratisation of opinion-making. But sadly, the benefits of democratisation are squandered away by irresponsible enthusiasts. The sad part is, not just political parties, but the media too is going populist.

And populism is like a pest, out to corrode every pillar of democracy from within. When the pillars of democracy start corroding, the edifice appears unsettled and unreliable. This is a perfect recipe for democracy to lose on the credibility count. A structural audit followed by repairs and reforms therefore are the need of the hour!

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Crowded exam centres

At a time when Covid-19 cases are still skyrocketing, it was appalling to witness crowds in and around NEET centres, especially in Kochi. The SOP on conducting the exam should also include a cap on guardians accompanying candidates to just one, if absolutely necessary.

Dr George Jacob, Kochi

Politics over NEET

This is with reference to *Need counselling to stem NEET suicides* (Sep 14). There have been instances of Class 10 and 12 students committing suicide due to exam pressure or anticipating a poor result. Should we do away with these exams too? Politicising the issue must be avoided.

P G Menon, Chennai

Need for counselling

The editorial highlights the need for timely counselling for students. Parents too must be a part of such sessions as they play a vital role in preventing their wards from taking extreme steps.

K V Raghuram, Wayanad

Instil confidence in them

The appearance of over one lakh candidates for NEET this year in TN despite the strong opposition of various political parties and the unfavourable conditions due to the pandemic shows their strong mindset. Parents and teachers must instil children with courage, confidence and a positive attitude to face all hurdles in life.

R Pichumani, Kumbakonam

Will Beijing stick to it?

This is with reference to *Five-point consensus just the beginning of long road to peace* (Sep 14). One must remember how China backtracked from the Panchsheel agreement in 1962, attacking India and occupying 43,000 square km of our land. It is to be seen whether Beijing will stick to the new five-point consensus.

Ravi Mannethu, Pullad

India should be careful

The article *Ladakh stand-off: It's time for strategic clarity* (Sep 14) hints that like the pandemic, Chinese aggression may stay for long as the motive is unclear. India should move with care; any loss of our advantageous position will be suicidal.

Bijumon P N, Idukki

Heart always with poor

This is with reference to *Swami Agnivesh will always remain a beacon of hope* (Sep 14). Swami Agnivesh's heart was always with the poor, so he was labelled a communist. He was a votary of a secular democracy. According to him, life was worth nothing if one's freedom was compromised.

Haribandhu Panigrahi, Tarbha

Battled bonded labour

The author gave a detailed account of Swami Agnivesh, who fought for social justice and against and bonded labour for the better part of his life. It was not known to many that he hailed from Andhra. May his soul rest in peace.

R D N Rao, email

It will fuel dissent

If the Parliament's total working hours are to remain the same as has been reported, the move to amend Question Hour even for just one session looks undemocratic and unwarranted. It will only fuel dissent.

E Ravi Varma Raja, Ennakkad

Protests amid pandemic

While Kerala's higher education minister K T Jaleel's dubious actions are being investigated by the ED, it does not warrant protests by parties on the streets, throwing caution to the wind and forgetting social distancing rules during Covid. Kerala, with its high literacy rate, is expected to behave more sensibly.

Elizabeth Koshy, Pathanamthitta

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Narendra Modi @narendramodi
Parliament must send unanimous message to soldiers that country standing behind them

Rahul Gandhi @rahulgandhi
Modi government said become 'Aatmanirbhar' which means save your life yourself because the PM is busy with peacocks

Kangana Ranaut @KanganaTeam
The way I was terrorised all these days with constant attacks...must say my analogy about POK was bang on

BREACH

Spy agencies not surprised by China's snooping

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

INTELLIGENCE agencies say news about Chinese government keeping a tab on over 10,000 Indian individuals and organisations is on expected lines. Adding that the government was aware of data mining by Chinese companies and the decision to ban Chinese apps was taken because of this misuse.

"The decision to ban Chinese apps was taken because of this misuse. Indian agencies flagged how common Indians unknowingly were contributing to the data bank of Chinese companies, which in turn was being shared with Chinese Communist Party and agencies," a senior government official said.

Officials, however, added that the data for VIP Indians like Prime Minister, President and Chief Justice of India, even if collated from open source, could be used damagingly by an enemy nation and its agency.

A senior security officer said that open source data if collated and analysed properly can give a lot of answers a hostile agency could be looking for.

Giving perspective, government officials said that while the current tension with China has brought the data misuse focus on them, the fact is that all countries are using data mining to secure themselves.

'All open source data in one place like dossier'

The US has over 200 data fields collated from various social media platforms, which gives them an edge over the rest of the world. China has been managing to safeguard its own data by a good extent with its own form of Google, YouTube and Twitter. "However, the big thing here is that the scraping software puts all open source data in one place as a dossier," an official said.

Session off to stormy start over Question Hour

While Opposition alleges that Centre is trying to strangulate democracy by suspending Question Hour, Rajnath says they were 'consulted'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Opposition on the first day of the monsoon session of Parliament, protested that the Centre is trying to strangulate democracy by suspending the Question Hour. However, Defence minister Rajnath Singh said that all parties who were protesting had agreed to it when he had sought their approval.

The Opposition looked upset over the fact that only written questions and answers will be allowed instead of the Question Hour.

However, Rajnath Singh made it clear that the government had requested the suspension because of lack of time. "I want to make a polite request and need the cooperation of the members," Singh said in Parliament.

He said he had spoken to Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury regarding this and he had agreed to it.

Terming the Question Hour as the 'golden hour', Congress' Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said the reasons cited by the minister to cancel it did not seem convincing. He said it is regarded as the essence and soul of parliamentary democracy. "We get chance to raise issues of common people. Question Hour is simply a golden hour of the House," the Congress leaser said.

> **We get chance to raise issues of common people. Question Hour is simply a golden hour of the House. In such an extraordinary situation, if the House is running, "why Question Hour is singled out**
>
> Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, Congress

Earlier, Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi moved a motion seeking suspension of the Question Hour and Private Members Bills. The motion was opposed by the Congress, the Trinamool Congress and the AIMIM.

While Congress leader Manish Tewari referred to the Rule Book and said it can only be suspended only if the decision is unanimous, which isn't the case currently, TMC leader Kalyan Banerjee said the move will take away the glamour of Parliament.

AIMIM MP Asaduddin Owaisi also urged the Speaker not to allow the executive to encroach the powers of the legislature and termed the Question Hour as the cornerstone of democracy.

Farm bills: Punjab CM to meet Guv

Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh has urged Prime Minister not to go ahead with legislation of 'anti-farmer ordinances' presented in parliament on Monday and announced to lead an 11-member delegation on Wednesday to submit a memorandum to Governor against the ordinances. Meanwhile, Shiromani Akali Dal president Sukhbir Singh Badal also met deputy CM Dushyant Chautala for the same.

Govt introduces three farm sector bills, Oppn says 'attacking federal structure'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

AMID the Opposition protest against the agrarian legislations, the Centre on Monday said that the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) will stay irrespective of the recommendations of the experts.

The government introduced three agrarian legislations — The Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill, 2020, The Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill, 2020, and The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill, 2020".

"There are more than 86 per cent farmers in the country with less than average two hectare land holdings. They don't get the benefits of the MSPs also. These legislations are aimed to empower such farmers to access remunerative prices for their produces, besides access to better technology and marketing. The MSPs will continue for the farmers," said Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar.

The Opposition opposed the introduction of the legislations, claiming that they intrude into domains of states which have not been consulted.

"This Bill deregulates certain commodities thus depriving the state governments of this control. This deprivation of the essential responsibility comes without any consultations with states. The impingement on state powers without any consultation renders the Bill ultra vires," said the Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi, while speaking on the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill, 2020.

Harivansh gets 2nd stint as RS Dy chairman

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

NDA nominee **Harivansh Narayan Singh** was on Monday re-elected deputy chairman of Rajya Sabha.

Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu declared Harivansh elected after a motion moved by BJP president Jagat Prakash Nadda, and seconded by Leader of the House Thaawarchand Gehlot, was carried by a voice vote.

Opposition parties led by the Congress and the DMK had moved motions for electing RJD's Manoj Kumar Jha but these were not put to vote as they did not press for it.

Leaders of various parties greeted Harivansh, nominee of the ruling BJP-led National Democratic Alliance, on his election.

The Janata Dal (United) leader received lavish praise from Prime Minister Narendra Modi who said Harivansh belong to all sides of the aisle.

"He has conducted proceedings in an impartial manner. He has been an outstanding umpire and will continue being so in the times to come," Modi said.

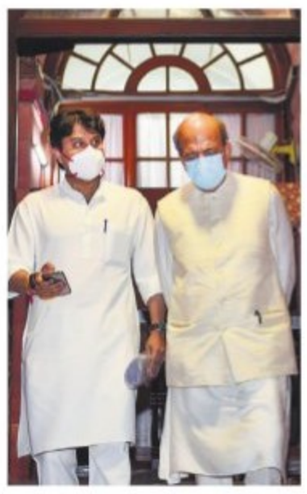
Modi said Harivansh has in his first term made efforts to ensure productivity and positivity in Parliament. "He is a torchbearer of democracy, hailing from Bihar, a land known for its democratic ethos."

'Lockdown prevented 37-78K deaths'

The Centre has so far procured and supplied over 1 lakh oxygen cylinders for the treatment of Covid-19 patients, Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan informed the Parliament on Monday as acute shortage of this life saving medical supply is being reported from several states. The total number of oxygen cylinders supplied by the Union government stands at 1,02,400. Vardhan, while making a suo-motto statement on the Centre's response also said that in India, while nearly 92% of the cases are reported to be mild, about 5.8 % cases need oxygen therapy and the disease may be severe enough to require intensive care in about 1.7 % cases.

'Roy should apologise for remarks on FM'

Personal comments aimed at Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman from Trinamool Congress member Saugata Roy in Lok Sabha on Monday drew a sharp reaction from the treasury benches with Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi demanding his unconditional apology. Roy's comments were expunged by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla. The TMC MP was objecting to the Banking Regulation (Amendment) Bill when he made the remarks targeting Sitharaman. Attacking Roy, Joshi said, "We can also do it. But this is not our culture. He is a senior member. What is he talking? He should apologise unconditionally."



BJP's Jyotiraditya Scindia with Dinesh Trivedi of Trinamool Congress at Parliament | PTI

'Tourism sector has suffered huge loss in revenue'

The Ministry of Tourism informed Parliament while no formal study has been conducted to assess the impact of the pandemic on the tourism sector, discussions with stakeholders have indicated that the sector has suffered a massive loss in revenue. In a written reply in LS, Tourism Minister Prahlad Patel said due to the fact that the sector is largely unorganised, the impact can be assessed only in due course. "No formal study has been instituted for assessment of the impact on the tourism sector and job losses. However, several rounds of discussions and brainstorming sessions with industry stakeholders indicate massive loss of revenue.

'Artists affected adversely due to financial crunch'

Union Minister of Culture Prahlad Singh Patel said in response to a Parliament question said that the entire artist community faced financial crisis and also lost their means of livelihood, the response said. However, the ministry has not assessed the impact of the pandemic on the entertainment industry and artists across India. "... the Ministry is aware that the COVID-19 pandemic has had a negative impact on the artist community as no physical cultural programmes are being organised by the Ministry of Culture due to social distancing norms and safety guidelines issued by the Government of India," the response said.

Plasma therapy for Covid can't be written off: Study

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

DAYS after findings of an ICMR study showed that plasma therapy may be ineffective for Covid-19 patients, another research funded by the health research body has renewed hopes on the efficacy of this interim strategy for the infectious disease.

The latest research says that its success could be dependent on the quality of antibodies being used.

This, in effect, means that the plasma therapy cannot be completely written off for the disease and the key to ensuring its success could lie in identifying the donors with the right levels of neutralising antibodies.

The new research had been carried out by scientists at the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, in collaboration with ICMR-National Institute of Malaria Research, Department of Biotechnology and the Emory Vaccine Center, Atlanta.

A study led by ICMR based on a randomised control trial, whose findings were released last week had shown that 34 patients who received plasma therapy died while 31 patients who did not receive it, succumbed to the infection. Also, 17 patients in each group progressed to have severe disease.

It had however also highlighted the urgent need for prior measurement of neutralizing antibody titres in donors and participants, which may better aid in delineating the role of plasma therapy in Covid-19 management.

In medicine, titer means the concentration of an antibody, as determined by finding the highest dilution at which it is still able to cause agglutination of a disease causing element in the virus — antigen.

Neutralizing antibodies, typically of IgG type that can potentially block infection, are key components for the success of plasma therapy and titers of over 320 are generally considered suitable for successful plasma therapy.

Currently, however, mere presence of IgG antibody, regardless of its neutralizing ability, is used as a selection criterion for donor convalescent plasma because assessment of neutralizing antibodies in routine clinical samples remains a challenge.

Thus, it is important to note that we have insufficient knowledge to understand whether all donors had sufficient titers of neutralising antibodies to donate plasma, and whether these titers reflected in all recipients that received the transfusion, the authors of the new study have said.

Hindi is unifying force for whole nation: Shah

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah said the greatest strength of Hindi is that it is scientific as well as known for its originality and simplicity. Shah posted a series of tweets and a video message in Hindi, on the occasion of Hindi Divas. He said Hindi is an unbreakable part of Indian culture and the new education policy provides for parallel development of Hindi and other Indian languages. Shah further said India's linguistic diversity is its strength as well as a symbol of unity.

"A country is identified by its border and geography, but its biggest identity is its language. The various languages and dialects of India are its strength as well as a symbol of unity. In India, which is full of cultural and linguistic diversity, Hindi has been a unifying force for the whole nation for centuries," he said.

"Today, on the occasion of Hindi Divas, I salute all those who have contributed to its empowerment. I also call upon the countrymen to take a pledge to contribute more in the protection and promotion of Hindi along with their mother tongue. My best wishes on the occasion of Hindi Divas," he said. Shah also appealed to people to take steps to attract the younger generation towards Hindi.

> **I salute all those who have contributed to Hindi language empowerment. I also call upon the countrymen to take a pledge to contribute more in the protection of the language** —Amit Shah, HM

FORMER BABUS MOVE SC AGAINST TV SHOW

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

FORMER civil servants on Monday filed an application in the Supreme Court in the case against Sudarshan News for its controversial programme that seeks to expose a conspiracy to infiltrate Muslims into the Civil Services. The programme is part of a series called Bindas Bol, hosted by Sudarshan News editor-in-chief Suresh Chavhanke. Seven applicants before the court are IAS (retd) Amitabha Pande, IFS (retd) Navrekha Sharma, IFS (retd) Deb Mukharji, IAS (retd) Sundar Burra, IAS (retd) Meena Gupta, IAS (retd) Pradeep K Deb, and IAS (retd) Ardhendu Sen.

The petitioners stated that they belong to an informal collective known as the Constitutional Conduct Group. "Criticism, mockery and ridicule of respected and revered religious or cultural figures may be offensive, but it is not hate speech," the petition says.

CONTEMPT CASE

'Paying fine doesn't mean have accepted verdict'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

HOURS after paying ₹1 fine in the Supreme Court, advocate **Prashant Bhushan** on Monday filed a review petition asking the top court to reconsider his conviction for contempt over two tweets posted in June that raised questions about the current and four former chief justices of India (CJIs).

Bhushan was held guilty of contempt on August 14 and asked to pay a token ₹1 fine. He has cited several grounds for his objections to the verdict, including the fact that the bench that delivered it was headed by Justice Arun Mishra who retired earlier this month.

"It is respectfully submitted that the judgment whose review is being sought suffers from multiple errors apparent on the face of the record of both law and of fact," stated the petition, seeking an open-court hearing on the matter.

As per the Supreme Court rules review petitions are not heard in open court. A review petition is heard and decided through circulation by judges in their chambers. In his review plea, Bhushan has assailed the verdict on multiple grounds.

According to Bhushan, Justice Mishra has, in the past, orally accused him of committing contempt of court when he merely mentioned that it may be inappropriate for a particular judge to hear a case in circumstances where conflict of interest was involved.

According to the lawyer, he had had "reasonable apprehensions" about not getting a fair hearing in the matter.

> **Just because I'm paying the fine does not mean I have accepted the verdict. We are filing a review plea and a writ petition today**
>
> Prashant Bhushan petition

EXPRESS READ

CPI (M) condemns Umar Khalid's arrest

New Delhi: The CPI (M) on Monday said that the arrests made under UAPA saying the arrest of Umar Khalid under the provisions of the draconian UAPA is condemnable. It said that BJP leaders who made hate speeches and incited violence are protected by the Central Government, while young peaceful protesters against the CAA are being targeted and arrested citing the utterly manufactured version of the country's Home Ministry and the Delhi Police linking anti-CAA protests with communal violence.

'India will now have to deploy troops all along LAC'

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

THE PLA's actions in eastern Ladakh will affect the entire India-China border including eastern sector forcing New Delhi to maintain troops all along the LAC in the coming days, feel former army commanders.

The unilateral movement by the Chinese has created an atmosphere of suspicion and this will affect the entire LAC, asserts Lt Gen DS Hooda (retd). "The deployment pattern will change not just in eastern Ladakh but will be seen all across the LAC for a minimum of two years."

The PLA will position its soldiers closer to the LAC, he says, adding the Chinese earlier kept troops much deeper inside their territory and moved them on vehicles due to better infrastructure. There is now a shift in PLA deployment which was initially observed in the 2017 Doklam standoff. "The Chinese had constructed permanent defences post Dokalam."

The 73-day Doklam standoff had seen the Chinese trying to unilaterally change the status quo by constructing a road into Bhutanese claimed area. New Delhi had sent its troops to bail out Thimpu. Major General DK Mehta (retd), who commanded an army division in Sikkim, feels the Chinese have initiated another problem even while things remain tensed in Ladakh. This, he says, is in conjunction with their Logistics Base in Yatung Area.

Even while the LAC tension was prevailing, China in June had claimed 3,300 sq km of Bhutanese territory saying it was 'disputed territory'. "The Chinese have claimed Bhutanese area in its east which is not connected to any border with Bhutan. The aim is to generate pressure around Tawang, which China claims to be part of South Tibet," says Maj Gen Mehta.

What army veteran says

Even while the LAC tension was prevailing, China in June had claimed 3,300 sq km of Bhutanese territory saying it was 'disputed territory'. China will move its troops closer to the border and this will force India to maintain troops all along the LAC in the coming days.

NORM VIOLATIONS

Punjab BJP chief Ashwani Sharma and 40 others were booked for allegedly violating the COVID-19 guidelines. Sharma had attended a political meeting in Pathankot on Sunday. The photos of the political meeting had gone viral on social media

62 ROADS BLOCKED BY LANDSLIDES IN UTTARAKHAND

Ahmedabad	33	27	Mumbai	32	25
Bhopal	35	24	Panaji	30	24
Jaipur	37	27	Patna	34	26
Amritsar	36	25	Lucknow	35	27
Chennai	32	26	Port Blair	30	25
Kolkata	34	28	Imphal	29	21
Srinagar	30	13	Chandigarh	35	25

Court sends Umar Khalid to 10-day police custody

Former JNU student arrested in connection with Feb 10 Delhi riots

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@ New Delhi

A Delhi court on Monday sent former Jawaharlal Nehru University student Umar Khalid, arrested in connection with a case related to the widespread violence which broke out in the capital's northeast area this February, to 10 days police custody "considering the nature of the case".

Delhi Police's Special Cell arrested Khalid on Sunday night under the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act after questioning him for over ten hours. He was produced before Additional Sessions Judge Amitabh Rawat of Karkardooma court via video-conferencing on Monday afternoon.

The Additional Sessions Judge said: "Considering the nature of the case and role of the accused Umar Khalid that has surfaced so far regarding the conspiracy and involvement in anti-CAA/NPR/NRC protest... I deem it fit that, for having an effective and proper investigation, to allow the present application for seeking police custody remand of the accused Umar Khalid for a period of ten days."

The court has directed the investigating officer to get the accused medically examined every 24 hours. Khalid's lawyers — Trideep Pais, Sanya Kumar and Rakshanda Deka — have also been permitted to confer with the accused for a period not exceeding half an hour at the beginning of the police custody and thereafter, every day during the remand period.

With agency inputs

Umar Khalid

751 FIRs registered

The police have registered 751 FIRs in connection with Delhi riots that took place in February. So far, police have arrested 1,575 persons. Over 250 charge-sheets have been filed in the riots related cases in which 1,153 accused (571 Hindus & 582 Muslims) have been charge-sheeted. All these cases are pending before the Special Courts

Filmmakers Rahul Roy & Saba Dewan served notices

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

A day after arresting Umar Khalid, Delhi Police on Monday served notices to short filmmaker Rahul Roy and Saba Dewan to join the investigation in links with the North East Delhi communal riots case.

According to sources, Delhi Police Special Cell has allegedly found that the two have some connection with a Whatsapp group called ' Delhi Protest Support Group' (DOSG). Roy and Dewan have also been named in the disclosure statement of one of the accused students (Gulfisha Fatima) in the supplementary chargesheet filed recently.

Till now more than 15 members of the DPSG WhatsApp group have been questioned by the investigation team. Recently, DU professor Apoorvanand's mobile phone was also seized by the Delhi Police.

As per a police official, many students and activists including Khalid have been booked under the First Information Report (FIR) 59/2020. The FIR which is one out of 750 FIRs, was filed by a sub-inspector Arvind Kumar based on the complaint received by an informer who told him that the riots were pre-planned.

As per reports, nearly 20 people have been arrested under UAPA, of which, four have gotten bail including Pinjra Tod founder Devangna Kalita and Natasha Narwal.

The North East Delhi Riots took place in February which claimed the lives of about 53 and injured over 583 persons. It also caused large scale damage to both private and public properties. "In their (police) attempt to prevent violence, 108 police personnel received injuries and two succumbed to their injuries," said a police official.

Migrants prefer work in villages, not cities

RICHA SHARMA @ New Delhi

SEASONAL migrants prefer to stay in villages and work under MGNREGS even if it means 35 per cent less earning and losing out work opportunities available in cities, according to a research paper.

The paper 'Costs and Benefits of rural-urban migration: Evidence from India' — published in the Journal of Development Economics — suggests that migration costs are high. Incidentally, India saw a large reverse migration to villages due to the Covid-imposed lockdown.

Providing new evidence on the costs and benefits of rural to urban migration in developing countries, the authors focused on seasonal migrants who choose between construction work in the city and on local public works in villages in the same season. The survey covered Rajasthan, MP and Gujarat which are known for high migration population.

The paper found that the fixed costs like travel cost, or the risk of going out and not finding work are not large. Instead, every day spent in the city is very costly. This daily cost is mostly non-monetary, it is hard living and working conditions that deter seasonal migrants, rather than just a more expensive life, it noted. "Using supply-side variation in employment provision on local public works, we show that when more employment is available migrants are less likely to leave the village, and make shorter trips to the city. This is despite the fact that daily earnings from the programme are 35% lower than earnings per day outside villages."

The authors argue that findings have important implications for development policy. "In these COVID times when migrants have fled the cities and gone back home, the role of MGNREGA to substitute for distress migration is more important than ever," said Clement Invert, one of the authors.

EXPRESS READ

L-G says probe on in Shopian encounter

Srinagar: J&K's L-G Manoj Sinha on Monday said a separate probe is being conducted by the army and administration into the July 18 Amshipora, Shopian, encounter in which three Rajouri youth were allegedly killed in a stage managed gunfight. The announcement has come after three families of Rajouri have been claiming that the trio killed were their sons.

Kashmiri youth missing, kin urge him to return

Srinagar: An Army soldier's younger brother has gone missing in militancy-hit south Kashmir's Pulwama district with his family suspecting that he may have joined militancy.
Junaid Rashid Wani, a first-year student of Government Degree College Pulwama, is missing for a week. The family members of Junaid have released a video message urging him to return.

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF

EYEING ASSAM POLLS, 2 STUDENT OUTFITS ANNOUNCE PARTY

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

THIRTY-FIVE years after the bloody Assam agitation, students in the state have taken a full-fledged plunge into politics. Two influential students' organisations – the All Assam Students' Union (AASU) and the Asom Jatiyatabadi Yuba Chhatra Parishad (AJYCP) – on Monday came together and floated a political party, Assam Jatiya Parishad (AJP), to counter the ruling BJP and its ally Asom Gana Parishad (AGP) and the opposition Congress in the Assembly elections slated early next year.

The Assam advisory committee, a panel which the students formed in August, will suggest their future course of action. Two former professors, Krishnagopal Bhattacharya and Basanta Deka, are committee's convenors. The AJP said it would refrain from communal politics and reach out to people with the slogan of "ghorey ghorey aami" (we are in every household).

Back in 1985, at the end of six-year-long bloody anti-immigrants' agitation that led to the signing of the historic Assam Accord, the AASU had formed the regional AGP that changed the face of state's politics. The AGP had swept the polls the same year and threw up a new leader in Prafulla Kumar Mahanta. He donned the chief minister's mantle twice, but the "Bangladeshi" problem remained.

The controversial Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA), which the Centre passed to grant citizenship to non-Muslim immigrants from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan, sparked the Assamese nationalism yet again. That Assam needs a "political alternative" was envisaged during the height of protests against the CAA last year. The AASU said the AJP was the need of the hour.

"The state government had surrendered before the Centre vis-à-vis CAA. So, it was the desire of people to have a political alternative that will not stoop to Delhi but work to protect Assam's interests," AASU president Dipanka Kumar Nath said.

Lockdown: 78% of EPFO claims by those getting less than ₹15K

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

AROUND 78 per cent of the total Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) claims during the lockdown period were made by those earning less than ₹15,000 a month, data from the Union Labour Ministry has revealed.

According to the data, a total of 1.04 crore claims were settled during the lockdown of which around 81 lakh were of those subscribers whose monthly wage was below ₹15,000.

On March 27, the Centre had permitted EPFO subscribers to withdraw non-refundable advance not exceeding the basic wages and dearness allowances for three months or up to 75 per cent of the amount in the members' EPF account, whichever is less. The concession was granted due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"The subscribers were facilitated to submit online claims and the services of EPFO also has been integrated and offered through UMANG app. The entire payment to subscribers is done electronically through Nation Electronic Fund Transfer (NEFT) system," a statement from the ministry stated.

CLAIMS SETTLED DURING COVID LOCKDOWN

STATE/ UT NAME	TOTAL CLAIMS SETTLED	EARNING UNDER ₹15K
Andhra Pradesh	3,12,457	2,50,802
Assam & other Northeast states	46,862	36,008
Bihar	1,12,504	95,373
Chandigarh	1,26,958	1,03,813
Chhattisgarh	1,34,134	1,16,915
Delhi	8,88,874	6,82,361
Goa	40,545	33,681
Gujarat	6,42,259	5,49,759
Haryana	6,66,122	5,51,117
Himachal Pradesh	71,751	62,028
J&K and Ladakh	416	309
Jharkhand	1,04,632	91,579
Karnataka	1,297,003	9,50,056
Kerala	2,63,012	1,90,626
Madhya Pradesh	2,94,653	2,55,605
Maharashtra	1,825,601	1,369,050
Odisha	1,36,016	1,07,466
Punjab	1,88,230	1,66,923
Rajasthan	2,72,464	2,36,350
Tamil nadu	1,387,883	1,070,194
Telangana	6,20,450	4,45,594
Uttar pradesh	5,08,222	4,28,678
Uttarakhand	1,67,282	1,49,484
West bengal	2,96,721	2,47,964
Total	1,04,05,051	8,191, 735

Raghuvansh Prasad cremated amid political tussle

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ Patna

RJD leader Tejashawi Yadav pays tribute to Raghuvansh Prasad Singh | EXPRESS

SOCIALIST leader Raghuvansh Prasad Singh, known as 'MNREGA Man of India', was cremated in Bihar's Vaishali with full State honours on Monday. A large number of people led by his younger son Shashi Prakash paid their last respects.

The funeral procession started from his Patna residence around 9am and reached Vaishaligarh around 2 pm with thousands of people participating in it. JD-U-ministers, Neeraj Kumar and Jay Singh, and RJD leader Tejashawi Yadav, were prominent leaders who attended the last rites of Raghuvansh Prasad Singh. However, even before the last rites could conclude, the leaders of Rashtriya Janata Dal started questioning the authenticity of letters written by Singh to Chief Minister Nitish Kumar barely a couple of days before his death.

Bhai Birendra, one of the senior leaders of RJD, Subodh Rai (MLC RJD) and many others said a person battling for his life in the ICU could not write letters. "There seems to be a foul play behind the letters, which are claimed to have been written by Singh. The NDA leaders are playing politics ahead of the Bihar polls", said Bhai Birendra Singh.

Neeraj Kumar, a state minister, said the RJD leaders were humiliating Raghuvansh even after his death. Nikhil Anand, BJP spokesperson, slammed the RJD, saying the party not only continued to humiliate Raghuvansh when he was alive but also after his death.

Earlier, HAM chief Jitan Ram Manjhi said it was Singh's "humiliation by Tej Pratap Yadav which led to the veteran leader's death".

Mamata plays Hindi, Hindutva cards to blunt BJP in her home turf

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

WITH barely six months left for the crucial West Bengal Assembly elections, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday played a soft-Hindutva card to woo Hindi-speaking voters living in some urban, semi-urban and industrial belts, considered as the BJP's vote bank, by annoucing monthly stipend for poor Brahmin priests from October and construction of houses for them.

She also announced the revamp of state's Hindi academy and reconstitution of the TMC's Hindi cell, lying defunct for years, on the occasion of Hindi Diwas.

The CM's announcement to help priests financially came days after BJP national president J P Nadda accused her of being anti-Hindu for imposing a lockdown in the state on the day of Ram Mandir's foundation stone laying ceremony in Ayodhya. The Opposition in Bengal often accuses Banerjee of Muslim appeasement.

"We held four meetings in the recent past. A list of 8,000 poor priests has been prepared who will be given ₹1,000 each per month. Besides, the state government will construct homes for them under the state's housing scheme for the poor," she said.

The move to revamp the Hindi academy and reconstitute party's Hindi cell is said to be an attempt to cause a dent on the saffron party's vote bank by taking Hindi-speaking voters, 14% of the state's electorate, into confidence. The Hindi-speaking voters can be a deciding factor at least 18 to 20 Assembly constituencies in urban and semi-urban parts of the state. "Warm wishes on #HindiDiwas. Bengali is a land of inclusivity and through our persistent efforts we have proudly inculcated Tagore's values of 'Unity in Diversity'. GoWB has taken various initiatives to strengthen Hindi Education, Culture and Welfare of the community in Bengal," she tweeted.

The BJP, emerged as the main opposition party by bagging 18 seats of 42 in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, defeated the TMC in the constituencies dominated by Hindi-speaking voters.

'East Bengal move gave TMC edge'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Kolkata

WEST Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee's decision to help East Bengal football club to get a sponsor to secure an Indian Super League (ISL) berth is seen as a smart move to win the hearts of Bengali refugees migrated from Bangladesh. Bengal's two top football clubs, East Bengal and Mohun Bagan, represent the geographical and linguistic identity of their supporters.

In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, the BJP made deep inroads into the pockets dominated by refugees migrated from Bangladesh.

"The CM's success in helping the iconic East Bengal get a sponsor is a smart move that has put our party ahead of the BJP in the state. Lakhs of supporters of the club were unhappy when its earlier sponsor had backed out in March. She brought their smile back," said a senior Trinamool Congress leader.

Burglars loot cash from charity box at shrine

Burglars stole cash from Kashmir's revered shrine of Hazrat Sheikh Syed Abdul Qadir Jeelani (RA) at Khanyar area of Srinagar on the intervening night of September 12 and 13. In a CCTV footage, which has gone viral on social media, a youth can be seen attempting to break open the donation box (iron box) with the help of an iron rod inside the shrine. The amount of cash looted is yet to be ascertained The police have registered a case and launched an investigation into the matter. The police have formed a SIT to investigate the case and the team visited the shrine and collected the CCTV footage. The shrine was reconstructed after being damaged in a mysterious fire in June 2012.

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SRINAGAR DIARY

Man held for impersonating as doctor

The police have arrested a man for impersonating as a doctor in north Kashmir's Kupwara district last week. The man, a resident of Srinagar, was arrested after the police got a tip-off that he was practising as a general physician in a clinic in Kupwara. A police official said acting on the complaint, a police party raided a clinic in Kupwara and arrested the man, identified as Masood Ahmad Khan. The official said the initial probe revealed that Khan had been practising as a general physician at the clinic for the last several months and visiting the clinic only on Sundays. The accused had placed a fake nameplate outside the clinical, mentioning that he was a "gold medalist having completed the MD in general medicine and DM in gastroenterology from PGI Chandigarh."

Phase 3 back to village programme from Oct 2

After the success of the first two phases, the administration has decided to hold the third phase of the Back to Village (B2V) programme from October 2 to 12. In the first two phases of the programme, about 4,000 gazetted officers from the J&K administration visited every panchayat of the UT. According to officials, the flagship programme has generated huge interest, affection and respect among people, and the administration has decided another version of the programme in the form of Phase-3 of B2V starting from October 2 to October 12.

Mass Covid-19 testing at Srinagar markets

Amid a rapid spike in the Covid-19 cases, the administration is conducting mass testing of shopkeepers in Srinagar to contain the spread of the virus. So far, the testing has been conducted in nearly 15 markets in the city and many shopkeepers have tested for the Covid-19. Many of the shopkeepers who have tested positive for the virus are either undergoing treatment in hospitals or in home quarantine. The mass testing of shopkeepers follows the testing of employees in the government offices in Srinagar. The tests were conducted on the employees of about 58 government offices in the city. Srinagar has, so far, recorded 1,1678 Covid-19 cases.

190 mn

Britain has secured access to up to 190 mn doses of a potential coronavirus vaccine from Valneva

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	24	17	TDS	Los Angeles	31	18	SNY
Colombo	30	25	TDS	Melbourne	16	7	LC
Dhaka	39	29	SNY	Moscow	16	5	LC
Dubai	41	28	SNY	New York	21	13	SNY
Houston	35	24	SNY	Singapore	31	25	TDS
Istanbul	30	21	SNY	Toronto	20	13	SNY
London	28	16	SNY	Washington	23	13	SNY

BREXIT DRAMA

All living UK ex-PMs unite to warn Boris on new bill

LONDON

PRIME Minister Boris Johnson was set to face down critics on Monday to argue in favour of a new law that his government openly admits will break its EU divorce treaty, as wrangling over Brexit returns to the British parliament.

Furious officials in Brussels have demanded the proposed legislation is withdrawn before the end of the month, and Johnson is facing threats of rebellion and resignations.

But his spokesman said the PM would open the debate in parliament later on Monday arguing it was a "critical piece of legislation for the United Kingdom".

"It's critical that we get this legislation passed and on the statute books by the end of this year," he told reporters.

All of Britain's living former prime ministers -- John Major, Tony Blair, Gordon Brown, David Cameron and Theresa May -- said the country's international reputation would be damaged if it is seen to break an international treaty.

Britain unveiled the proposals last week, conceding it would override the binding Brexit treaty the UK struck with the EU last year in several key areas related to Northern Ireland.

It would see London unilaterally regulate UK trade and state aid within the British province, ignoring the EU treaty which gives Brussels a continuing say over Northern Ireland's trading relationship.

If the law passes in the coming weeks, Brussels has warned it could scupper ongoing trade deal talks and threatened court action, leaving the prospects of an orderly Brexit in tatters.

The row revives the bitter wrangling over how to implement British voters' shock decision in 2016 to quit the bloc, which led to parliamentary deadlock and repeated postponements.

Johnson put a temporary halt to the uncertainty by sealing a divorce deal with Brussels late last year. *AFP*

Trump admin to review Oracle-TikTok deal this week

US Treasury department's Committee on Foreign Investment will examine the deal for national security reasons, Steve Mnuchin said

WASHINGTON

BYTEDANCE, the Chinese company that owns the popular video-sharing app TikTok, has chosen Oracle over Microsoft as a new American technology partner to help keep the app operating in the US, Oracle and the US treasury secretary confirmed Monday.

A lot remains unclear, including how the social media firm would fit inside a business software company like Oracle.

Any deal must still be reviewed by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, known as CFIUS, a US government group chaired by the Treasury Secretary that studies mergers for national security reasons. US Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said he expects the group to review the proposal this week and later make a recommendation to the president, who can approve or deny a transaction recommended by the panel. Trump has already voiced support for Oracle as a "great company" that could handle the acquisition.

Oracle Chairman Larry Ellison is one of the few Silicon Valley figures who have publicly supported US President Donald Trump | AP, AFP

Oracle was among the pool of bidders, including Microsoft and Walmart, to buy TikTok's American operations. Microsoft on Sunday said that ByteDance will not be selling TikTok's US operations to the company. Oracle, in confirming it was the winning bidder Monday, didn't refer to the deal as a sale or acquisition, instead saying it was chosen as TikTok's "trusted technology provider."

It's unclear at this point what assets, if any, Oracle would actually acquire.

TikTok has found popularity thanks in part to its content-recommendation algorithm, which suggests videos to users based on their viewing history. But the Hong Kong newspaper *South China Morning Post* reported Sunday, citing an unnamed person, that ByteDance will not sell the algorithm. China has tightened its controls and requires companies to get permission to export such tech.

Oracle co-founder Larry Ellison is unusual among tech executives for his support of Trump. "Oracle's connections with the Trump administration are interesting. It's possible they may be able to negotiate an outcome that allows TikTok to continue operating in the US without a full sale, with ByteDance still retaining something," said Boston University's Li.

A Chinese Foreign Ministry official said described the situation as a "typical government-coerced transaction." *AP*

Suga to be Japan's PM after landslide win in party vote

TOKYO

YOSHIHIDE Suga was elected as the new head of Japan's ruling party on Monday, all but assuring that he will become the country's new prime minister when a parliamentary election is held later in the week.

Despite his low-key image, Suga, 71, has been an important figure in outgoing PM Shinzo Abe's administration, serving as the government's top spokesperson in his role as chief Cabinet secretary. Abe said last month he would resign due to health problems.

Suga's victory in the ruling Liberal Democratic Party vote virtually guarantees his election in a parliamentary vote Wednesday because of the majority held by the LDP's ruling coalition.

Suga, the son of a strawberry grower in the Akita prefecture, said he had come a long way. "I will devote all of myself to work for the nation and the people," he said in his victory speech.

He has said that his top priorities will be fighting the coronavirus and turning around a Japanese economy battered by the pandemic. He gained the support of party heavyweights and their wing members early in the campaign on expectations that he would continue Abe's policies.

Suga received 377 votes in Monday's vote to pick a successor to Abe. Former Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida, one of the other two contenders, received 89 votes, while former Defense Minister Shigeru Ishiba got 68. "Now I'm handing the baton to new LDP President Suga," Abe said after the vote. "We can count on him."

Iron-fisted approach

Suga has been a loyal supporter of Abe since Abe's first stint as PM in 2006-2007. Suga helped him return as PM in 2012.

Suga repeatedly has praised Abe's diplomacy and economic policies when asked about what he would like to accomplish as prime minister

On the surface, the straight-faced Suga is known for offering bland comments at twice-daily televised news briefings.

But behind the scenes, he's known for his iron-fist approach to getting jobs done as a policy coordinator and influencing bureaucrats by using the centralised power of the prime minister's office, leading political watchers to call him the "shadow prime minister." Some bureaucrats who have opposed his policies have been removed from projects or transferred elsewhere. *AP*

Nvidia deal could drag Arm into US-China row

LONDON

US graphics chip maker Nvidia said it plans to buy UK-based Arm Holdings in a deal worth up to $40 billion, in a move that would create a global powerhouse in the industry.

The deal, which was announced late Sunday by Nvidia and Arm's parent company, Japanese technology giant SoftBank, raises concerns about the independence of Arm, one of Europe's most important tech companies.

Nvidia's Chief Executive Officer Jensen Huang | AP

Under the terms of the deal, Nvidia will pay SoftBank $21.5 billion in stock and $12 billion in cash. SoftBank could earn a further $5 billion if Arm hits performance targets while Arm employees will get $1.5 billion worth of Nvidia shares.

SoftBank bought Arm for about $32 billion in 2016, which sparked fears that one of Britain's most successful tech companies would be involved in a foreign takeover, so the British government got SoftBank to agree to keep Arm's headquarters in the U.K. and double its British staff over five years as concessions.

Hermann Hauser, who helped set up Arm, called the deal an "absolute disaster for Cambridge, the U.K. and Europe." Hauser, now a technology investor, told the BBC's Radio 4 that his biggest concern was that it would degrade what he called the UK's "economic sovereignty" because Arm would end up falling under the jurisdiction of U.S. export controls.

That means "if hundreds of UK companies that incorporate Arm's (technology) in their products, want to sell it, and export it to anywhere in the world including China, which is a major market, the decision on whether they will be allowed to export it will be made in the White House and not in Downing Street."

The deal would also destroy Arm's "neutral" business model, which has made it the "Switzerland of the semiconductor industry," Hauser said. Arm has become successful by licensing its technology to more than 500 companies, many of which are rivals to Nvidia, and the sale would create a "monopoly problem," he said.

Regulators in the US, UK, China, the EU will need to approve the deal, which will need 18 months to complete. *AP*

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70%

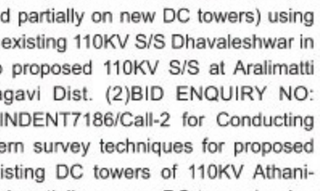
The company says its technology reaches 70% of the world's population

BUSINESS MODEL

Arm centers its business on designing chips and licensing the intellectual property, especially in mobile computing, rather than chip manufacturing, for which it relies on partners

INTERNET OF THINGS

Arm's move into interconnected home devices, the "internet of things", was a key factor behind Softbank's 2016 decision to spend £24 billion to acquire the group. It remains a key driver of the NVIDIA takeover



An Armv7 for a Raspberry Pi device

Pressure on Putin mounts as more labs confirm Navalny was poisoned

PARIS

FRENCH President Emmanuel Macron urged his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin to urgently shed light on the "attempted murder" of opposition figure Alexei Navalny, after French tests confirmed the use of the Novichok nerve agent, the Elysee said.

Macron told Putin in telephone talks that it is "imperative that all light be shed, without delay, on the circumstances of this attempted murder and who is responsible," the French presidency said in a statement.

He also informed Putin that France's own analysis had confirmed Germany's conclusion that Navalny was poisoned by a Novichok nerve agent "in contravention of international norms on using chemical weapons."

The German government had said earlier that laboratories in France and Sweden confirmed its own findings that Navalny was poisoned with a Novichok nerve agent.

Macron has over the last year pursued a policy of rapprochement with Russia, seeking progress notably on ending the conflict in Ukraine, a strategy that has raised eyebrows among some of France's EU allies.

Alexei Navalny | AP

But analysts say the poisoning of Navalny -- who is still being treated in Germany after falling ill last month on a flight in Siberia -- has dealt a heavy blow to Moscow-Paris ties. Macron and Putin also discussed the situation in Russia's neighbour Belarus. *AFP*

EXPRESS READ

Amazon to hire 100K workers in US, Canada

New York: Online e-commerce giant Amazon on Monday said it would create 100,000 new jobs in the US and Canada as it opens 100 new facilities in the two countries. "Amazon will be hiring for 100,000 new, regular full- and part-time jobs in our operations network...," the company said in a statement.

WHO warns as virus returns to EU with a vengeance

Many European countries have kept their outbreaks in check even after reopening. But nations such as Spain, France and Czechia are seeing daily caseloads rise sharply again

GRAPH SHOWS DAILY NEW CASES OF COVID-19 IN EUROPEAN UNION

Source: Our World in Data

COPENHAGEN

THE World Health Organization expects Europe to see a rise in the daily number of Covid-19 deaths in October and November, the head of the body's European branch told *AFP* news agency.

Cases in Europe have risen sharply in recent weeks, especially in Spain and France. More than 51,000 new cases were reported on Friday alone in the 55 countries monitored by WHO Europe, which is more than the highest peak in April, according to the organisation.

"It's going to get tougher. In October, November, we are going to see more mortality," World Health Organization's Europe director, Hans Kluge, said.

Even though the continent is experiencing a surge of cases, the number of deaths has remained relatively stable. But the resurgence is expected to lead to an increase in daily fatalities, the WHO said.

"It's a moment where countries don't want to hear this bad news, and I understand," Kluge told AFP in an interview, stressing that he wanted to send the "positive message" that the pandemic "is going to finish, at one moment or another."

The WHO Europe's over 50 member states are holding an online meeting on Monday and Tuesday to discuss their response to the new coronavirus and agree on their overall five-year strategy.

However Kluge, based in Copenhagen, issued a warning to those who believe that the development of a vaccine will end the pandemic.

'Don't believe a vaccine will bring end to the pandemic'

"I hear the whole time: 'the vaccine is going to be the end of the pandemic'. Of course not!," the Belgian said.

"We don't even know if the vaccine is going to help all population groups. We are getting some signs now that it will help for one group and not for the other," he said.

"And then if we have to order different vaccines, what a logistical nightmare!" *AFP*

Saudi Arabia partially lifts restrictions on flights

RIYADH

SAUDI Arabia will partially lift its suspension on international flights from Tuesday, the interior ministry said, six months after travel curbs were imposed.

The kingdom will end all restrictions on air, land and sea transport for Saudi citizens "after January 1" next year, the ministry said, adding that an exact date will be announced in Dec.

Gulf citizens and non-Saudis with valid residency permits or visas will be allowed to enter the kingdom from Tuesday as long as they are not infected with the virus, the ministry said in a statement published by the official Saudi Press Agency.

People in other "exceptional categories", including Saudi government and military employees, embassy workers, students and people requiring medical treatment, will also be allowed to enter and exit the kingdom.

Saudi Arabia will later announce a plan to gradually allow the umrah. *AFP*

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The detailed notification regarding the works called through the "E-procurement" mode can be obtained by logging onto E-procurement's website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**" on or **after 4:00pm on 15.09.2020**. Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

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Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
97.92 ▼	Sensex	38,756.63	₹5 ▼	24 carat (1 gm)	₹5,138.6	₹221 ▼	Per kg	₹65,226	▲ Dollar	73.48
24.40 ▼	Nifty	11,440.05	₹5 ▼	22 carat (1 gm)	₹5,118	₹0.22 ▼	Per gm	₹65.27	▲ Euro	87.16

FM seeks LS nod for ₹2.35 lakh cr extra expenditure

Additional grant demand includes ₹40,000 crore for the MNREGS

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Centre on Monday sought the Parliament's nod for additional spending of ₹2,35,852.87 crore for the current fiscal year since the government plans to spend more on social schemes like MNREGA, cash transfers, food subsidies and revenue deficit grants to states on account of Covid-19.

"Approval of the Parliament is sought to authorise gross additional expenditure of ₹2,35,852.87 crore," said the finance ministry in the first batch of Supplementary Demands for Grants for 2020-21, which was tabled by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on the first day of the monsoon session of the parliament.

Supplementary demand for grants is an additional grant sought to meet required government expenditure over and above the budget allocation, for which a Parliamentary nod has already been obtained.

However, the net cash outgo will be ₹1,66,983.91 crore and the rest—₹68,868.33 crore—will be used the savings from other schemes and unused money of various departments.

The additional expenditure will include ₹40,000 crore for the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Program, over what was announced in the budget, an additional ₹10,000 crore towards food subsidy and an additional grant of ₹33,771.48 crore for direct benefit transfers under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, sums which were announced under the relief package following the pandemic.

The government has also sought an additional ₹46,602.43 crore for the transfer of post-devolution revenue deficit grants to states as per recommendations of the 15th Finance Commission. It has also sought an additional ₹20,000 crore for bank recapitalisation in the backdrop of loan restructuring and high NPAs. However this will be met with savings from other schemes. Around ₹14,000 crore has also been sought for the health sector, in order to enhance medical infrastructure and medical research, required to fight Covid-19.

₹1.66L cr
of the demand will be the net cash out-go for the central exchequer and the rest will be from savings

₹10K cr
has also been sought toward extra food subsidies in order to boost relief measures for the pandemic

The economic impact of the pandemic may result in higher NPAs and capital erosion of banks. Recapitalisation plan for banks has, therefore, become necessary

Shaktikanta Das, RBI Governor

₹20,000 cr sought for PSU recapitalisation

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE government on Monday sought the Parliament's approval to infuse ₹20,000 crore into public sector banks (PSBs) through recapitalisation bonds. Since no cash outgo is involved, this move will have no impact on the fiscal deficit.

While the government has already infused ₹70,000 crore into state-owned banks to boost growth capital, this year's budget had no funds allocated for recapitalisation. However, with NPAs of banks soaring even during pre-Covid times, the situation has worsened since.

The RBI, in its financial stability report has indicated that GNPAs will touch 14 per cent this fiscal. "The economic impact of the pandemic - due to lock-down and anticipated post lock-down compression in economic growth - may result in higher non-performing assets and capital erosion of banks. A recapitalisation plan for PSBs and private banks (PVBs) has, therefore, become necessary," RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das had said during a press conference in July.

Inflation softens marginally in August

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

RETAIL inflation has softened marginally to 6.69 per cent in August, showed Consumer Price Index (CPI) data on Monday. However, it still remains above the government's and central bank's comfort levels due to high food prices.

Data showed that food inflation in August fell marginally to 9.05 per cent, while the core inflation stayed flat at 5.44 per cent. The clothing and footwear combined index stood at 2.77 per cent, while the Housing and Fuel indices stood at 3.10 per cent each.

According to Chief economic adviser K V Subramanian, the rise in inflation is mainly due to supply-side frictions and the CEA expressed confidence that retail inflation would come down with the further easing of lockdowns.

Experts also noted that base effects will have a favourable effect going forward on CPI inflation until January 2021.

The government has also revised downwards the retail inflation figures for July to 6.73 per cent from the earlier estimate of 6.93 per cent.

Meanwhile wholesale price inflation turned positive in August at 0.16 per cent. This indicates that sellers are slowly regaining their pricing power after the coronavirus pandemic destroyed demand.

Inflation in food articles during August stood at 3.84 per cent, led by vegetables and pulses at 7.03 per cent and 9.86 per cent respectively, while fuel and power inflation fell 9.68 per cent in August, as against 9.84 per cent in the previous month.

Experts also addressed the evident gap in retail and wholesale food prices as indicated by the CPI and WPI, observing that this depicted supply side constraints.

"The difference between WPI food and CPI food shows us the supply side issues. The gap between the two should narrow, which would mean supply side logistics are getting smoothened out," said Pranjul Bhandari, chief economist at HSBC.

FOOD RATES HIGH

- Food inflation stood at 3.84 per cent, with vegetables and pulses at 7.03 per cent and 9.86 per cent respectively
- However, fuel and power inflation fell 9.68 per cent each in the month of August

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20 CPSUs at various stages of strategic disinvestment: Finance Ministry

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

MINISTER of State for Finance Anurag Singh Thakur on Monday informed the Parliament that 20 Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) and their units are at various stages of strategic disinvestment. In a written reply to a query in from a member of the Lok Sabha, Thakur said that transactions have been completed in eight CPSEs while there are six CPSEs under consideration for closure or under litigation.

Big names who figure in the transactions-under-process head are Air India, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd and Shipping Corporation of India. Earlier in February this year, the Centre had set a divestment target of ₹2.1 lakh crore for FY21. Many experts feel that this will be a challenging task to achieve, considering the unfavourable environment created by the pandemic and subsequent disruptions to economic activity.

The Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) has thrice extended the bid deadline for Air India. Similarly, the deadline for BPCL has been extended to the end of September. In FY20, the Department has missed the divestment target of ₹65,000 crore by ₹14,701 crore since it had to defer a number of Offer For Sales (OFS), including those of Coal India, SAIL and Hindustan Aeronautics.

"Strategic Disinvestment implies substantial sale of Government shareholding of CPSEs, which are not in priority sector, along with transfer of management control," Thakur said.

"Besides, in certain other CPSEs, the Government carries out disinvestment of minority stake without transfer of management control from time to time through various SEBI-approved methods IPO, OFS, Buyback and ETF, he added.

Infosys on acquisition spree, to buy GuideVision

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

Bengaluru-headquartered Infosys on Monday announced its second acquisition in less than a fortnight. The IT giant said that it will acquire enterprise service management consultancy GuideVision for 30 million euros (₹260 crore). The acquisition is expected to close during the third quarter of fiscal 2021, subject to customary closing conditions.

On September 3, Infosys had announced the acquisition of US-based health engineering firm Kaleidoscope Communication for $42 million. Earlier, the IT major had said that it would acquire Simplus, a Salesforce consulting partner and advisory firm, for $250 million.

GuideVision is a ServiceNow Partner that uses the software to address the digital requirements of over 100 enterprises in Europe. The current acquisition is being seen as a strategic move by the Indian IT services provider at a time when it is on the look out for market opportunities outside the United States, particularly in the European region.

GuideVision's training academy and nearshore capabilities in Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland, and its presence in Germany and Finland, will strengthen Infosys' ServiceNow capabilities for its clients in Europe, the company said in a statement.

"This acquisition is an important milestone in our journey to build capabilities relevant to the digital priorities of our clients. This move reaffirms our commitment to the growing ServiceNow ecosystem. The combination of scalable and agile nearshore capabilities of GuideVision in Europe, and their unmatched delivery excellence, complements our own effort to help global enterprises navigate their next," Ravi Kumar, President, Infosys, said.

L&T on top of the charts on LinkedIn

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

LARSEN & Toubro on Monday said that it has topped the LinkedIn charts in terms of most the followed Indian conglomerate, leaving behind Reliance Industries, Aditya Birla Group, Tata Group and Adani Group.

L&T with its 20 lakh and five thousand plus followers, is the top most followed conglomerate, with Reliance Industries followed the second most at over 18 lakh, 98 thousand followers, over 15 lakhs 2 thousand followers for Aditya Birla Group, 4 lakh 83 thousand plus for Tata Group, over 3 lakh 41 thousand followers for Adani Group and over One lakh 58 thousand followers for Godrej Group, Linkedin data showed as on September 7.

Yuvraj Mehta, Head, Corporate Brand Management & Communications at Larsen & Toubro said: "We have grown this follower base through consistent and targeted messaging. The content strategy for a B2B conglomerate like L&T needs to be highly focused and different from a typical FMCG or a consumer products brand play book."

Halt in export incentives hurting exporters: FIEO

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

EXPORTERS are facing an "acute" financial crunch since lump sum funds are blocked under the export incentives programmes, the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) redflagged on Monday. Over ₹10,000 crore in incentives from April 1, 2020 have not been disbursed due to the stoppage of the Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) and the refunds of IGST (Integrated Goods and Services Tax), the industry association said.

"At this point of time when exporters are receiving new orders from new buyers and destinations, support needs to be given to help them to execute such orders. Unfortunately, many of the exporters have expressed their inability to honour such orders, in view of liquidity challenges, due to the stoppage of exports benefits and refund of GST," FIEO said in a statement.

OPEC cuts oil demand forecast, prices set to fall

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE difficulty in controlling the spread of the pandemic in many developing countries has led to a sharp cut in the demand outlook of crude oil cartel Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). On Monday, the cartel led by Saudi Arabia said that the challenge being faced in countries such as India is likely to see lower crude oil demand, cutting forecast for 2020 and 2021 by 400,000 barrels a day.

OPEC said it now expects a drop in demand of 9.5 million barrels a day in 2020 and a rise of 6.6 million barrels in 2021.

"Risks remain elevated and skewed to the downside, particularly in relation to the development of COVID-19 infection cases and potential vaccines," the cartel said in a monthly report.

The revised more pessimistic outlook is likely to see crude oil prices trend lower than their current levels. In fact, brent crude has already slipped below $40 a barrel on Monday, trading at $39.76 per barrel.

The fall is likely to significantly mitigate the significant cash shortfall facing the Indian government, which has siphoned off all of the benefit from crashing crude oil prices over the summer. According to the Ministry of Petroleum, India's crude oil import bill fell to a third in the first four months of the current fiscal due to the summer crash in crude rates.

EXPRESS READ

Ashok Leyland rolls out new LCV range

Chennai: Ashok Leyland on Monday said it is looking to expand its presence in the light commercial vehicle (LCV) segment across domestic as well as international markets with the launch of the first product based on its all-new platform. The company launched two models in the new 'Bada Dost' range, with a payload capacity of 1,860 kg and 1,405 kg, respectively. The variants are priced at ₹7.79-7.99 lakh and ₹7.75-7.95 lakh (ex-showroom Mumbai) respectively. Nitin Seth, COO,Ashok Leyland, said that ,the current demand of LCVs is largely driven by e-commerce, vegetable transport and rural businesses.

Dabur makes foray into edible oil segment

New Delhi: Fast Moving Consumer Goods major Dabur India on Monday said that it is foraying into the edible oils segment. The launch of its new cold-pressed mustard oil product is a bid to strengthen its food business. Priced at ₹220 for a 1-litre pack, the product is being exclusively launched on e-commerce platforms like Amazon and MilkBasket. The FMCG major said this launch was also in response to the government's push towards creating an Atmanirbhar Bharat.

Automate NPA system by June: RBI to banks

New Delhi: Concerned over manual identification of bad loans by some banks, the RBI on Monday told lenders to introduce automated IT-based system for asset classification and provisioning. The central bank had first made the request in August 2011. On Monday, RBI said that banks are still resorting to manual NPA identification and also overriding the system-generated asset classification by manual intervention routinely. The central bank has directed full automation by June 30, 2021.

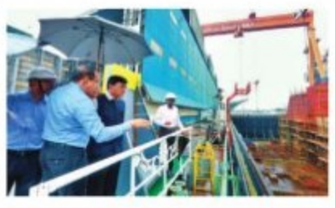
Business & Beyond

GRSE AGM held on Friday

The 104thAnnual General Meeting (AGM) of Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited (GRSE) was held on Friday, through video conferencing. The meeting was attended by Rear Admiral VK Saxena, IN (Retd), Chairman & Managing Director, GRSE, other senior officials, and shareholders. The company disclosed that during the year FY20, revenue from operations grew 3.38% to ₹1,433.3 crore and PAT grew by 48.7% to ₹163.48 crore.

K Vijaya Kumar takes charge as MD & CEO of SAR Group's E-Mobility unit

K Vijaya Kumar has joined SAR Group's E-Mobility Businesses as the managing director and CEO in August 2020. Prior to joining the SAR Group, he had served as President-Automotive Business at Greaves Cotton Limited (GCL). The SAR Group was co-founded by Navneet Kapoor and Rakesh Malhotra, serial entrepreneurs best known for brands such as Luminous (sold to Schneider), Livguard & Livpure.



Major Ports to use only Indian-built tug boats

Taking a step towards bolstering the revival of Indian shipbuilding and towards AatmaNirbhar Shipping, the Ministry of Shipping has directed all major ports to procure or charter only tug boats which are made in India. All procurement done by major ports would now need to be carried out as per the revised 'Make in India' Order. The Ministry of Shipping aims to promote the Indian shipbuilding, officials added.

UNICORN AHOY!

Dream 11 parent firm raises $225 mn at $2.5 bn valuation

BISMAH MALIK @ Bengaluru

Online gaming company Dream Sports on Monday said that it has raised $225 million in a fresh funding round led by American private equity giant TigerGlobal, in which other other investors such as TPG Tech Adjacencies (TTAD), ChrysCapital and Footpath Ventures also participated.

The current funding has valued DreamSports at $2.5 billion, almost double the valuation of $1.1 billion a year ago. Dream Sports has a number of sports tech platforms, including fantasy gaming start-up Dream11, under its portfolio. Dream11 recently won the title sponsorship for the Indian PRemier League 2020 with a bid of $32 million.

Currently, DreamSports is the only sports tech start-up in the elite unicorn club in India, which is dominated by e-commerce, digital payments, edtech, and mobility companies. "The sports sector has high growth potential in India. There is a significant opportunity to enhance the fan experience and we are excited to partner with Dream Sports to leverage technology in ways that will deepen the connection between Indian fans and the sports they love," Akshay Tanna, managing director, TPG said.

Dream11's title sponsorship for IPL 2020 was a closely contested battle, with edtech majors Upgrad and Unacademy also reportedly fighting for the same. According to business intelligence platform, paper.vc, the current secondary investment in Dream11 appears to be due a stake sale by Tencent, since the Chinese firm has run into trouble with the Indian government, reducing it's stake to single digits. "In the last two years, we have grown beyond fantasy sports to sports content, merchandise, streaming, experiences, and there is much more to come," Harsh Jain, CEO, Dream Sports said.

Nadal returns, Djokovic seeks redemption in Rome

Rafael Nadal returns to competition after a six-month enforced break while Novak Djokovic is looking to make up for his US Open disqualification as the short clay-court season got underway in Rome on Monday without spectators. Nadal, 34, is the second seed behind World No 1 Djokovic in the tune-up for the French Open.

No Covid-19 insurance cover for IPL

ATREYO MUKHOPADHYAY
@ Chennai

TO be played amid the pandemic, the IPL will have no insurance cover for Covid-19. Insurers of sports events the world over have kept communicable diseases out of the list in the wake of the spread of the virus which has caused global havoc. The T20 gala to be staged in the UAE from September 19 will see no exception.

This means if a match is cancelled due to people involved testing positive for Covid-19, the teams concerned will not get compensated by insurance deals. Otherwise, all matches are insured and disruptions caused by natural calamities are under insurance cover. The eight IPL teams have their own insurance agencies and premiums are in the range of ₹3-5 crore per team.

For IPL and international matches in India, insurance companies offer cover for accidental cancellations caused by unforeseen reasons. "Since Covid-19 is not an unforeseen eventuality, event insurers have stopped offering compensation for all communicable diseases," said an official, who did not want to come on record.

Football in Europe and cricket in England are following this arrangement of 'no compensation for cancellations caused by the pandemic'. This was ineffect at US Open as well.

Wimbledon and Olympics got insurance benefits because these events had pre-existing insurance contracts, which offered cover for pandemics.

Normally, the IPL franchises are covered for losses caused by cancellations. If the event was taking place in India, the home team would have been assured of gate money from the insurers in case a match did not take place. Both teams would also have received the equivalent of their share of the broadcast deal from that match. If spectators are not allowed in Sharjah, Dubai and Abu Dhabi, insurers will offer cover for the other losses. In insurance parlance, a match is deemed cancelled only if not a single ball is bowled.

It is learnt that due to the event happening abroad, there has been no rise in insurance premiums. Industry experts believe chances of unforeseen interruptions like protests or political rallies are less in the UAE. Three venues instead of eight and the tourist-friendly reputation of these cities are also considered to be congenial factors. Hence, there is no rise in what the franchises pay usually.

These deals were signed after the tournament was shifted to the UAE.

IPL 13 : 4 DAYS TO GO

KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS

PAST

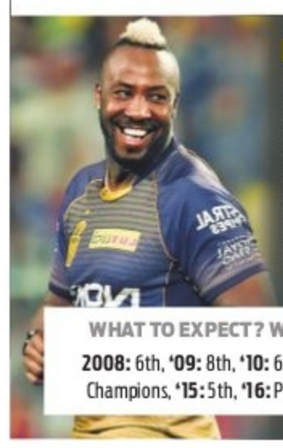
A highly-competitive and consistent unit, which failed to click last season. Always counted among title contenders, thanks to their overall balance.

PRESENT

To address middle-order fragility, they bought Eoin Morgan. Have also added Tom Banton and Pat Cummins to their ranks. Brendon McCullum's presence as head coach makes them an exciting side. The onus is on captain Dinesh Karthik to manage his resources and find the right combination.

TEAM TALK

With 11 wickets, Andre Russell was their best bowler last season, which is why they went big for Cummins this time. Chinaman Kuldeep Yadav has found his mojo back and will have offie Sunil Narine to compliment. Pacers Kamlesh Nagarkoti, Prasidh Krishna, Sandeep Warrier, Shivam Mavi, Lockie Ferguson, Ali Khan add depth to their reserves and Kolkata can relax on the bowling front. But in the batting department, they still need to figure who fits in the XI. With Russell, Cummins, Morgan and Narine being sure starters, they have to rely on Shubman Gill, Dinesh Karthik, Rahul Tripathi and Nitish Rana with the bat.



STAR WATCH

Russell. Scored 510 runs off just 249 balls last season with his strike-rate of 204.81 being the best among all batsmen who faced minimum 100 deliveries. Kolkata, though, have to find the right place for him to bat.

WHAT TO EXPECT? WILL BE IN THE FIGHT FOR PLAY-OFFS

2008: 6th, **'09:** 8th, **'10:** 6th, **'11:** Play-offs, **'12:** Champions, **'13:** 7th, **'14:** Champions, **'15:** 5th, **'16:** Play-offs, **'17:** Play-offs, **'18:** Play-offs, **'19:** 5th

DOMI-NIC OF THIEM

Austrian ace produces historic comeback to beat Alexander Zverev in a nervy five-setter and win the US Open, his first Grand Slam title, on Sunday. Highlights...

AFP @ New York

A US Open unlike any other finished unlike any other — with an unprecedented fifth-set tiebreaker as Dominic Thiem became the first man in 71 years to win the final after dropping the opening two sets.

So close to defeat in a nearly empty Arthur Ashe Stadium — fans were banned because of the coronavirus pandemic — Thiem slowly but surely turned things around against a faltering Alexander Zverev and pulled out a 2-6, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (6) victory at Flushing Meadows for his first Grand Slam title. The match ended with both men fighting leg cramps and, clearly, nerves.

"Somehow," said Thiem, a 27-year-old from Austria, "the belief today was stronger than the body, and I'm super happy about that."

When a backhand from Zverev landed wide on the third championship point, a weary Thiem dropped to his back way behind the baseline and covered his face with his hands. When he arose, he was met by Zverev, who walked around the net to clasp hands, then embrace his friend and foe.

ADVANTAGE ZVEREV

Given the way the match started, it looked like Zverev would get his hands on his first Major. The German was helped by some sloppy serving from Thiem. In set two, Zverev wasted three set points while 5-1 up but held on to take a 2-0 lead on his fifth set point.

THIEM'S COMEBACK

The tide was beginning to turn though as Zverev's play became increasingly cagey as his suspect second serve got slower and his forehand, another weakness, became more defensive. The Austrian capitalised on this to come back.

27
Thiem is the youngest Grand Slam champion at 27 since Marin Cilic (25) when he won the 2014 US Open.

FINAL SET THRILLER

After Thiem took set four, Zverev found himself serving for the championship at 5-3. But he could not hold and soon Thiem found himself 6-5 ahead. He took a medical timeout before it was his turn to serve for the championship. However, like Zverev moments earlier, Thiem failed to clinch the match and it went to a tie-break. After blowing two championship points, he finally won.

Zverev		Thiem
15	ACES	8
15	DOUBLE FAULTS	8
52	WINNERS	43
65	UNFORCED ERRORS	55

BREAKING THE TREND

Thiem is also the first Grand Slam champion other than — Novak Djokovic, Rafael Nadal or Roger Federer — since Switzerland's Stan Wawrinka won the third of his three Majors at the 2016 US Open.

I had it in the back of my head that I had a great career so far, way better career than I could ever dreamt of, but until today there was still a big part, a big goal missing. With this goal achieved, I think and I hope that I'm going to be a little bit more relaxed and play a little bit more freely at the biggest events.

Thiem after the match

1 It was the first time in the US Open's Open era history that a player had recovered from losing the opening two sets to win the title.

EXPRESS READ

Archer bowls England to victory in second ODI

MANCHESTER: Jofra Archer starred as world champions England staged a stunning fightback to beat Australia by 24 runs in the second one-day international at Old Trafford on Sunday. Australia, cruising to a modest victory target of 232, were dismissed for 207.

Brief scores: England 231/9 in 50 ovs (Morgan 42, T Curran 37, Zampa 3/36) **bt** Australia 207 in 48.4 ovs (Finch 73, Labuschagne 48, Woakes 3/32, Archer 3/34).

Hyderabad rope in Lalawmpuia and Fernandes

HYDERABAD: ISL side Hyderabad FC signed long-term deals with attackers Lalawmpuia and Sweden Fernandes. Both the 20-year-olds, who were a part of fellow ISL side FC Goa for the last three years, have each penned a three-year deal till the end of the 2022-23 season. Lalawmpuia came through the ranks at Pune FC and DSK Shivajians.

Padikkal seeking chance to face the best

ASHIM SUNAM @ Bengaluru

DURING the 2019-20 season, Devdutt Padikkal became the talk of the town. The then 19-year-old routinely smashed bowlers all over the park to top the batting charts in the Vijay Hazare and Mushtaq Ali Trophy, with 609 and 580 runs respectively. Such numbers, however, do not make him an automatic choice at the top of the order for his Indian Premier League (IPL) side, Royal Challengers Bangalore.

There is healthy competition for the openers slot. Skipper Virat Kohli and Parthiv Patel opened the innings for 11 of the 14 matches last season and the franchise also picked Aaron Finch in the December auction. The captain can walk in at three too, meaning AB de Villiers at four. The toss-up could be between Patel and Padikkal. However, the Australian will first have to serve a six day quarantine after he lands in Dubai, following the Australia-England ODI series, which ends on Wednesday.

It could open doors for Patel-Padikkal partnership in the first game against Sunrisers Hyderabad on Monday, and the management can take a call depending on their performance.

If they go ahead with Padikkal in the XI for majority of matches, they might have to use de Villiers or Josh Philippe behind the wickets. With a quota of just four foreigners, playing the latter looks less likely.

"That (opening combination) depends on the team management. My job here is to focus on my game, and play well. That is what I am looking forward to," Padikkal, who did not get a single game last season, told this daily.

"Last season was a good learning experience, just being around talented and experienced players. This time around, hopefully, I can take up the responsibility." The final call on his inclusion in playing XI will lie on the team management, including coach Simon Katich, team director Mike Hesson and Kohli.

Eventually, if Padikkal gets the nod, a stern test awaits the opener. The IPL is a different breed altogether, compared to domestic cricket, with IPL teams having skilled international bowlers in their ranks. Imagine the likes of Jofra Archer bowling to a relatively inexperienced man.

"I just want to embrace the opportunity to play against some of the best bowlers in the world. I really back myself and I know that I am capable of playing against any bowling attack," Padikkal said.

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R.C. No : 27222 / P & I / 2019 **TENDER NOTICE** Date : 11.09.2020

Sealed Tenders on 'Double Cover System' are invited for plying vehicles on contract basis for the period 2020-2022 for **58 milk collection** routes, **33 BMC** milk collection routes **4 "T" Board taxi** for team work, LN2 Distribution route 1 and Mineral Salt Mixture Distribution route 1 all together for 97 Routes, the vehicles with the model of 2008 and thereafter are invited. The cost of tender form Rs. 300/- (Rupees three hundred only including tax) the tender form will be available from **17.09.2020 to 21.10.2020** at the office on working days up to 4'O clock. The filled in tender forms along with **EMD** by means of **D.D.** payable at **Trichy** (milk collection route Rs. 5,000/- and other vehicles for Rs. 2,000/-) should reach the tender box in this office before **2.00 PM. on 22.10.2020.** The tenders will be opened on the same day **at 2.30 PM.** The tender forms can also be downloaded through **www.tenders.tn.gov.in.** The filled form can also be submitted through e-tendering - **www.tntenders.gov.in.** Further details are enclosed with the tender form.

DIPR/ 3420 /TENDER/2020 DRO / GENERAL MANAGER

MADURAI CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
HF 2/002898/2020 **TENDER NOTIFICATION NO.53/2020** Date : 14.09.2020

1. On behalf of Madurai Corporation. **The Commissioner, Madurai Corporation** invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for following works in Madurai Corporation.

Sl.No.	Name of work	Value Put to Tender	EMD
1.	HF 2/002898/2020 Supply and Delivery of 988 Units of Small Mobile Vending Cart in Madurai Corporation for Street Vendors (Period of Completion of Supply - 9 Months)	Rs. 4.41 Crore	Rs. 4.41 Lakhs
2.	HF 2/002898 - A/2020 Supply and Delivery of 263 Units of Mobile Eateries with Facilities for Hand Washing and Storing LPG Cylinder in Madurai Corporation for Street Vendors (Period of Completion of Supply - 6 Months)	Rs. 2.60 Crore	Rs. 2.60 Lakhs

2. Date, Time and Venue for the Per-Bid meeting : 29.09.2020, 4.30 PM. at Conference Hall O/o. Madurai Corporation , Aringar Anna Maligai, Madurai -625 002. 3. Form of Contract : Two Cover System. 4. The bid documents will be available in http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in from 15.09.2020 to 15.10.2020, upto 3.00 P.M. and bid opening will be on 15.10.2020, 3.30 PM 5. The Commissioner, Madurai Corporation Reserves the rights to accept or reject any bid or and reject all the bids at any time without assigning any reason thereof. Eligibility criteria and other details can be had from the Bidding document. 6. Bids must be submitted to the "The Commissioner, Madurai Corporation, Aringnar Anna Maligai, Thallakulam, Madurai - 625 002". in person on or before 3.00 PM on 15.10.2020 and bids will be opened on 15.10.2020 at 3.30 PM, in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend. If the office happens to be closed on the date of receipt of the bids as specified, the bids will be received and opened on the next working day at the same time and venue. 7. E-mail Address: mducorpce@gmail.com, Contact No: 0452-2532412.

DIPR/ 3426 /TENDER/2020 Commissioner, Madurai Corporation

INDIAN RAILWAYS
RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION

Tender Notice No. RE/MS/S&T/OT/2020-2021/04 dated 10.09.2020

TENDER No.: **RE/MS/S&T/Gr-275-20-12 dt.10.09.2020**

Name of the work : **Telecommunication OUTDOOR work of "Trenching, Laying of OFC, 6 Quad / PIJF Cable, Splicing & Termination of OFC, Jointing & Terminating of 6 Quad / PIJF Cable, installation & commissioning of way station equipment, provision of emergency sockets etc., at SP/SSP/TSS and INDOOR work of System, Design, Supply, Installation & Commissioning of OFC Communication System along with SDH ADD / DROP MUXES (STM-4/16), Digital primary Drop insert Muxes and other associated equipment in SRR-NIL (Shoranur-Nilambur) section of Southern Railway".**

Approximate Cost : ₹2,88,25,238/-
Earnest Money Deposit : ₹ 2,94,100/-
Period of Completion : 08 Months
Closing Date : 14.10.2020
Complete details & tender document will be available at www.ireps.gov.in

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice
Construction Organisation, Ernakulam Jn

1. TENDER NOTICE No: 07/CE/CN/ERS/2020 (OT) dated 10.09.2020
Name of Work: Track linking between Ettumannur and Kottayam. Tender Value: Rs 7,20,51,824/- EMD: Rs 5,35,300/- Completion Period:15 Months

2. TENDER NOTICE No: 08/CE/CN/ERS/2020 (OT) dated 10.09.2020
Name of Work: Track linking between Kottayam and Chingavanam. Tender Value: Rs 4,04,42,227/- EMD: Rs 3,52,200/- Completion Period:15 Months

Date and time of tender closing: 05.10.2020, 15:00Hrs
Complete details and tender document will be available at https://www.ireps.gov.in

Chief Engineer/Construction Ernakulam Jn

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Our Clients **M/s. PANCHAJANYA VIDYA PEETA SCHOOL COLLEGE EMPLOYEES HOUSING BOARD CONSTRUCTION SOCIETY LIMITED** Represented by its **PRESIDENT and DIRECTOR SRI. MUNIRAJA.S.K,** aged about 36 years, **SRI.SUNIL BABU K.V,** Aged about 36 years, Having office at #42, PVP Institution Campus, Mallathalli, Bangalore-560056. are jointly intending to purchase schedule property from its present Joint owner/s **1. SRI.HANUMAIAH** S/o Late Puttabasappa, aged 65 years, **2. SRI.MOHANKUMAR** S/o Late Basappe aged 33 years, **3. SRI.RAJASHEKAR** S/o Late Puttabasappa, aged 61 years, **4. LAKSHMAN H.B** S/o Late Basappa, aged 31 years, all are Residing at Hampapura Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bangalore - 562109

Any person/s or institutions/s having any Claim/s or Objection/s in respect of the below mentioned properties may the same along with necessary documents with the undersigned advocate within **10 days** from the date of publication of this notice.

If no claim/s or objections/s is / are received by the undersigned Advocate within time stated above, our Clients will proceed further as the schedule properties is free from all claim/s and objection/s and any claim/objections received thereafter is not binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ITEM No. 1
All that piece and parcel of the land bearing **Sy.No.5/4** (old Sy.No.5), measuring to an extent of 03 Guntas Out of 1 acre 31 guntas, **situated at Krishnaraja Puram Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District** & bounded on the:
East by : Remaining Same Survey Number,
West by : Survey Number 19 and Road,
North by : Remaining Same Survey Number,
South by : Survey Number 6/4.

ITEM No. 2
All that piece and parcel of the land bearing **Sy.No.5/4** (old Sy.No.5), measuring to an extent of 19 ¼ guntas Out of 1 acre 31 guntas, **situated at Krishnaraja Puram Village. Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District** & bounded on the:
East by : Land in Sy.No.5/3 belongs to Lakshmamma's,
West by : Survey Number 19,
North by : Remaining Same Survey Number,
South by : Survey Number 6/4.

ITEM No. 3
All that piece and parcel of the land bearing **Sy.No.6/4** (old Sy.No.6), measuring to an extent of 27 ¼ guntas out of 01 Acre 02 guntas including ¼ guntas Kharab, **situated at Krishnaraja Puram Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District** and bounded on the:
East by : Land in Sy.No.6/3 belongs to Lakshmamma's,
West by : Land belongs to Girijesh Survey Number 19,
North by : Land belongs to Hanumaiah, Rajashekar, Lakshmanna, Mohan Kumar's Survey No. 5/4,
South by : Remaining Same Survey Number

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

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Sr/ Lot No.	Name & address of Borrower/s, Mortgagor/s and Guarantor/ s	Description of the Immovable Properties	Total Dues	Date & Time of E-Auction	Reserve Price, EMD, Bid Increase Amount. & Last Date & time of receipt of EMD Amount	Status of Possession (Constructive/ Physical)	Property Inspection Date & Time
1)	**1. M/S KANVA FASHIONS LIMITED REPRESENTED BY ITS DIRECTORS, REGISTERED ADDRESS:** Sy. No. 7/1, Kongenahalli, Kasaba Hobli, Koratagere Taluk, Tumkur District, Tumkur, Karnataka- 572129. **2. MR. N NANJUNDAIAH S/O NARAYANAPPA S** #A-408, A Block, Brigade Gateway Apartment, 2nd Stage, Rajajinagar, Malleshwaram West, Bangalore- 560055 **3. MR. HARISH S S/O SEETHARAMAIAH K R** #456, J R Nagar, Janatha Colony, Bannerghatta, Anekal, Bangalore- 560083 **4. MR. VIJAYA KUMAR S/O KALLINAYAKANAHALLY RAMAREDDY** Kanva Nagar, Daanoji Palya, Nelamangala (Rural), Bangalore-562123. **5. MR. VENKATARAMA SASTRY SATYANARAYANA S/O Late Venkatarama Sastry,** #23, Vykunta Shetty Halli main Road, Sapthagiri Layout, Tumkur, Karnatka- 572102 **6. MR. NARAYAN MAHADEVRAO BIRADAR S/O MAHADEV RAO BIRADAR** #2, 2nd Main, Karekallu, Kamakshipalya, Basveshwara Nagar, Bangalore- 560079. **7. M/S KANVA GARMENTS PVT. LTD. REPRESENTED BY ITS DIRECTORS** No. 861, Kanva Sri Sai Complex, Opp. Modi Hospital, WOC Road, Rajajinagar, Bangalore- 560086 **8. M/S KANVA MART LIMITED. REPRESENTED BY ITS DIRECTORS** Regd. Address: No.1762 A, 6th Main, Rajajinagar, Bangalore- 560010	1.All that piece and parcel of dry land along with two bore wells bearing old Sy. No.4 & New Sy No.4/1, measuring 21 acre 29 guntas & 4 Acre 13 Gutas kharab along with building constructed thereon admeasuring 105644.72 Sq.ft. having duly converted from agriculture to non-agriculture industrial purpose, from the Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur District, vide No. ALN (MG) CR.118/2011-12, Dated 13.01.2012 situated at Kongenahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Koratagere Taluk, Tumkur District. Owned by M/S KANVA GARMENTS PVT LTD and bounded by, East by: Property of Re-Sy No. 5 & 7, West by: Property of Re-Sy No. 3, North by: Property of Re-Sy No. 4/2, South by: Property of Re-Sy No. 7. **2.** All that piece and parcel of dry land bearing old survey no. 28 measuring 5.00 Acre 0.21 Guntas situated at Chigarenahlli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Koratagere Taluk Tumkur District, having duly converted from agriculture to Non-Agriculture Residential Purpose from the Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur District, Vide No. ALN(MG)CR.171/2014-15 dated 24.04.2015 owned by Mr. N Nanjundaiah and bounded by East by: Property of Shiraj ahmed Sharief, West by: Property of Chandrasekhar & Dastagirisaab and Bidi Jaan, North by: Property of Narasimhaiah & Lakshmaiah, South by: Property of Muddaiah & Ramaiah **3.**All that piece and parcel of dry land bearing old survey no. 31/1 and New Sy No. 31/3 measuring 4.00 Acres situated at Chigarenahlli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Koratagere Taluk Tumkur District, duly converted from agriculture to Non-Agriculture Residential Purpose from the Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur Dustrict, Vide No. ALN(MG)CR.172/2014-15 dated 24.04.2015. owned by Mr. N Nanjundaiah and bounded by East by: Property of Chandrasekhar Sy, No. 28, West by: Property of Praveen & Sameeullah, North by: Property of Dastaagiri Saab, South by: Property of Bibi Jaan **4.**All that piece and parcel of dry land bearing old survey no. 32/1 and New survey No. 32/5 measuring 3.00 Acre 0.39 Guntas and 0.12 Guntas Kharab Situated at Chigarenahlli, Kasaba Hobli, Koratagere Taluk Tumkur District, having duly converted from agriculture to Non-Agriculture Residential Purpose from the Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur District, Vide order No. ALN(MG)CR.172/2014-15 dated 24.04.2015 and owned by Mr. N Nanjundaiah and bounded by, East by: Property of Chandrasekhar & Dastagirisab, West by: Property of Lakshamma & Madhanlal, North by: Property of Nyamadabe, South by: Property of Nagarangaiah and Praveen **5.**All that piece and parcel of land bearing old survey no. 61/2A measuring 1.00 Acre 0-08 Guntas, situated at Hanchihalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Koratagere Taluk Tumkur District having duly converted from agriculture to Non-Agriculture Residential Purpose from the Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur Dustrict, Vide No. ALN (MG) CR. 173/ 2014-15 dated 23.01.2015 and owned by Mr. N Nanjundaiah and bounded by, East by: Border of Madavara Chingarahalli, West by: Road, North by: Property of Sanpangiramaiah, South by: Property of Narasiyappa. **6.** All that piece and parcel of dry land bearing old survey no. 61/2A and New Sy. No. 61/7 measuring 2.00 Acre 0.18 Guntas situated at Hanchihalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Koratagere Taluk Tumkur District having duly converted from agriculture to Non-Agriculture Residential Purpose from the Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur Dustrict, Vide No. ALN (MG) CR. 173/ 2014-15 dated 23.01.2015 and owned by Mr. N Nanjundaiah and bounded by: East by: Border of Madavara Chingarahalli, West by: Road, North by: Property of Doddaiah, South by: Property of Vinod Chand **7.** All that piece and parcel of dry land bearing old survey no. 61/2A and New Sy. No. 61/8 measuring 1.00 Acre 0-09 Guntas, situated at Hanchihalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Koratagere Taluk Tumkur District having duly converted from agriculture to Non-Agriculture Residential Purpose from the Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur Dustrict, Vide No. ALN(MG)CR.173/2014-15 dated 23.01.2015 and owned by Mr. N Nanjundaiah. And bounded by, East by: Border of Madavara Chingarahalli, West by: Road, North by: Property of Doddaiah, South by: Property of Vinod Chand	Rs. 29,58,11,975.41 (Rupees Twenty Nine Crore Fifty Eight Lakhs Eleven Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Five & Paisa Forty One Only) as on 31.07.2020 plus Further interest and other charges	28.10.2020 & From 01:00 PM to 03:00 PM	Reserve Price for Property Sl. No. 1: Rs.20,31,10,000/-, EMD: Rs. 2,03,11,000/- Bid Increment Amount: Rs. 1,00,000/- Last Date & time of receipt of EMD Amount: 27.10.2020, Time: 5.00 PM Reserve Price for Properties Sl. No.2 to 7: Rs.1,69,52,000/- EMD: Rs. 16,95,200/- Bid Increment Amount: Rs. 50,000/- Last Date & time of receipt of EMD Amount: 27.10.2020 Time: 5.00 PM	Physical Possession	With prior Appointment from Authorised officer

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Date: 15-09-2020, Place: Bangalore Sd/- Authorized Officer, ZOSARB, Bank of Baroda

Japan on Monday joined China and South Korea in saying it would suspend pork imports from Germany after it confirmed a first case of African swine fever last week.

ECT may cut suicide risk in bipolar patients

NEW STUDY

LONDON: In a major study on patients with untreatable bipolar disorder, the researchers have shown that Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT) was able to reduce suicide risk by 84 per cent in high-risk patients, as well as giving effective treatment to around 72 per cent of sufferers.

ECT is a medical treatment most commonly used in patients with severe major depression or bipolar disorder that has not responded to other treatments. ECT involves a brief electrical stimulation of the brain while the patient is under anaesthesia.

The study, published in *World Journal of Biological Psychiatry*, followed bipolar patients and treatment from a single centre and confirmed that ECT can reduce suicide risk, and allow a majority of patients to return to a more normal life.

"ECT was invented in Italy, but despite this there are very few clinics in Italy which offer the treatment nowadays," said study author Giulio Emilio Brancati from the University of Pisa UP in Italy.

For the study, between 2006 and 2019, 670 patients were referred to the Pisa psychiatry clinic for ECT treatment. The treatment showed great success in treating bipolar sufferers, with remission rates of over 60 per cent for symptoms characteristic of bipolar "mixed states", such as emotional overreactivity, motor hyperactivity, aggressiveness and others. Most importantly, 77 of the patients were classified as being at severe risk of suicide. After treatment only two remained at severe risk, while 65 showed no risk at all.

EXFILE

Superfungus threatens rare golden frogs

Cocooned from the outside world, some 200 critically endangered golden frogs are living a sheltered existence in Panama, protected from a devastating fungus that threatens to wipe out a third of the country's amphibian species — a situation scientists describe as "critical." We take a look

HABITAT

Though endemic to Panama, the species can no longer be seen in its natural habitat

This is because of the "superfungus" that has decimated amphibians in the wild

GRIM SITUATION

2/3RD

of Earth's vertebrates has been lost in less than 50 years, according to a report by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), released last week

94%

Extent of vertebrate loss in the tropical areas of Central and South America

7K

species of amphibians in the world

501

frog and salamander species have been several affected already by the pathogen

DEADLY FUNGUS

The biggest threat posed to amphibians is chytrid fungus, which spreads through water

The pathogen is responsible for chytridiomycosis, an infectious disease that scientists say has already caused the disappearance of some 30 species

EXTENT OF DEVASTATION

The countries marked in orange represents confirmed cases of chytridiomycosis as of August 2015

EFFECT ON ANIMALS

The fungus becomes embedded in the animal's skin and infects it, causing it to be unable to exchange salts and water with the environment

The disease causes irreparable damage to vital functions. Eventually the animal dies of heart failure caused by asphyxiation

HISTORY OF THE FUNGUS

20TH CENTURY: The microorganism was first detected in the Korean Peninsula and scientists warn that it has already spread throughout the world

1990S: It arrived in Panama and has been wreaking havoc ever since

HOPE TO RELEASE IN THE WILD

STRI maintains some 2,000 specimens from 12 frog species in the hope they can one day be released into the wild to fend for themselves

Smithsonian researchers are carrying out an assisted reproduction project, where they freeze the animals' semen in order to impregnate the females and increase their numbers

GLIMMER OF HOPE

Despite the gloomy scenario, scientists point to some glimmers of hope, saying that in the past few years some species believed to have gone extinct have been re-discovered

"This gives us hope, knowing that some frogs are returning and that they have ways to counter-attack the fungus", said Angie Estrada, administrator of Panama's Summit Park.

IUCN STATUS

CRITICALLY ENDANGERED

However, it may have been extinct in the wild since

2007

Map source: Peter Daszak and Kolby Jonathan, 2016. *The Emerging Amphibian Fungal Disease, Chytridiomycosis: A Key Example of the Global Phenomenon of Wildlife Emerging Infectious Diseases*

1,500

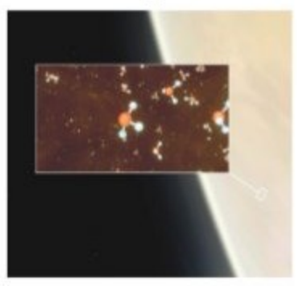
SPECIAL PROTECTION

of the tiny Panamanian golden frogs are found in zoos where they can reproduce. The frogs enjoy a controlled environment inside tanks installed at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI) facility in Gamboa

OTHER AMPHIBIANS AT RISK

But it is not only frogs that are vulnerable to the fungus. Toads, salamanders and caecilians are also at risk. **1/3rd of 225** species of amphibians in Panama are threatened in some way, say STRI researchers

Phosphine detection on Venus opens possibilities of life in hottest planet



Artist's impression of Venus, with an inset showing a representation of the phosphine molecules | AFP

FLAMMABLE GAS

PARIS: The atmosphere of Venus contains traces of phosphine gas — which on Earth is associated with living organisms — scientists said on Monday, in fresh insight into conditions on our nearest planetary neighbour.

Conditions on Venus are often described as hellish with daytime temperatures hot enough to melt lead and an atmosphere comprised almost entirely of carbon dioxide.

A team of experts used telescopes in Hawaii and Chile's Atacama Desert to observe Venus' upper cloud deck, around 60 kilometres from the surface. They detected traces of phosphine, a flammable gas that on Earth occurs from the breakdown of organic matter.

Writing in *Nature Astronomy*, the team stressed that the presence of phosphine alone did not prove the presence of life on Venus.

However, as the clouds swirling about its broiling surface are highly acidic and therefore destroy phosphine very quickly, the research did show that something was creating it anew.

The researchers conducted several modelling calculations in a bid to explain the new phosphine production.

They concluded that their research provided evidence "for anomalous and unexplained chemistry" on Venus.

Alan Duffy, an astronomer from Swinburne University and Lead Scientist of The Royal Institution of Australia, said it was "one of the most exciting signs of the possible presence of life beyond Earth I have ever seen". He cautioned however that while it was tempting to believe that the phosphine was produced by lifeforms, "we have to rule out all possible other non-biological means of producing it".

Venus is a subject of intense interest among astronomers. It is so close and of such similar size to Earth that some experts believe it serves as a warning of the dangers of runaway climate change. New space missions could also travel to our neighbouring planet, and sample the clouds in situ to further search for signs of life.

UK tests if Covid-19 vaccine works better when inhaled

Study to find out safety and efficacy of administering doses as airborne droplets inhaled rather than an injection into muscle

TWO EXPERIMENTS

LONDON: British scientists are beginning a small study comparing how two experimental coronavirus vaccines might work when they are inhaled by people instead of being injected.

In a statement on Monday, researchers at Imperial College London and Oxford University said a trial involving 30 people would test vaccines developed by both institutions when participants inhale the droplets through a mouthpiece, which would directly target their respiratory systems.

Larger studies of the Imperial and Oxford vaccine are already under way, but this study aims to see if the vaccines might be more effective if they are inhaled.

"We have evidence that delivering influenza vaccines via a nasal spray can protect people against flu as well as help to reduce the transmission of the disease," said Dr Chris Chiu of Imperial, who is leading the research. He suggested that might also be the case with Covid-19. "It is critical we explore whether targeting the airways directly can provide an effective response compared to a vaccine injected into muscle," Chiu said in a statement.

The study is currently recruiting participants aged 18 to 55 and hopes to begin vaccinating people in London in the coming weeks.

Previous studies have shown vaccines delivered by inhalation require lower doses than by injection, which might help stretch limited supplies.

"It may well be that one group has the right vaccine but the wrong delivery method, and only trials such as this will be able to tell us that," said Robin Shattock, who is leading the development of Imperial's vaccine.

The Imperial vaccine uses synthetic strands of genetic code based on the virus. Once injected into the muscle, the body's own cells are instructed to make copies of a spiky protein on the coronavirus. That is expected to trigger in turn an immune response so the body can fight off any future Covid-19 infection.

In comparison, Oxford's vaccine uses a harmless virus — a chimpanzee cold virus, engineered so it can't spread — to carry the coronavirus' spike protein into the body, which should trigger an immune response.

Last week, Oxford temporarily paused its large-scale vaccination tests after one participant in the UK reported severe neurological symptoms; it was restarted on Sunday.

HOME BURNED TO ASHES

A jaguar crouches on an area recently scorched by wildfires at the Encontro das Aguas park in the Pantanal wetlands in Brazil on Sunday | AP

SARS-Cov-2 created in lab, claims Chinese virologist

VIRUS SOURCE

LONDON: A Chinese virologist who was working at the Hong Kong School of Public Health claims that she has proof that the SARS-Cov-2 virus was man-made in a Wuhan lab.

Dr Li-Meng Yan appeared on *Loose Women*, a British talk show, from a secret location; and said she was assigned to investigate "new pneumonia" in Wuhan. She claimed that she had warned her senior about the possible human-to-human transmission, but was asked to stay silent. The virologist claimed that the virus did indeed come from the lab in Wuhan, which is controlled by the government.

The lab origin theory has been denied by China and the World Health Organisation. The US' national intelligence office had also dismissed such claims earlier.

FACT OF THE MATTER

Big B lends voice to Alexa

CELEBRITY EXPERIENCE

Bollywood megastar Amitabh Bachchan has partnered with Amazon and will lend his voice for a unique user experience on Alexa-enabled devices. Amazon, in a blog post, said the company and Amitabh Bachchan have collaborated to create a unique celebrity voice experience. "Customers in India will be able to access Mr Bachchan's iconic voice on Alexa by purchasing the Amitabh Bachchan voice experience. This feature will only be available next year," it said. When launched next year, customers in India can easily invoke the Amitabh Bachchan voice experience by just asking Alexa and instantly getting their superstar's voice responding to popular requests.

FB Watch now on Messenger

VIEW WITH FRIENDS

Social media giant, Facebook on Monday introduced its Watch Together feature on Messenger app where users can enjoy videos with your friends and family and see their reactions in real time over Messenger video calls and Messenger Rooms. Facebook Watch is an on-demand service to discover videos across the social network. Facebook Watch was launched in 2018. "You can watch videos with up to eight people on a Messenger video call and up to 50 people in Rooms," Facebook said in a blog post. To use the feature, just start a Messenger video call or create a Messenger Room and then, swipe up to access the menu and select Watch Together.

WRONG TURN

Australian researchers try to help humpback whale stuck in crocodile-infested river

TIDAL WAVE

CANBERRA: Marine authorities were puzzling on Monday over how to persuade at least one wayward humpback whale to leave a murky, crocodile-infested river in northern Australia and continue an annual migration to Antarctica.

There have been no previous recorded sightings of whales in East Alligator River in the Northern Territory's World Heritage-listed Kakadu National Park, and no one can explain why at least three of the blue water mammals ventured so deep inland in a river with little visibility.

Marine ecologist Jason Fowler said he spotted three whales on September 2 while sailing with friends more than 20 kilometres from the river's mouth.

"We happened to bump into some great big whales which completely blew me away," Fowler said on Monday.

"The water's incredibly murky. It's got zero visibility. So you can only see the whales when they're right on the surface," he said.

He estimated there were two adults and a younger whale, around 10 to 12 metres long.

"The west Australian humpback whale population has absolutely exploded. It's the great conservation success story in the ocean," Fowler said.

"There are so many humpbacks heading up the WA (Western Australia state) coast now, they're bound to end up in new places. What's incredibly weird is the fact that they're up a muddy, shallow river full of crocodiles — that's unheard of," he said.

A humpback whale swims in the East Alligator River in the Kakadu National Park in Northern Territory | AP

Despite the river's name, there are no alligators in Australia. It was named after its many crocodiles by European explorers who apparently couldn't tell the difference.

Northern Territory government whale and dolphin scientist Carol Palmer said there was at least one whale still in the river on the weekend. "We don't know what's happened, but it's obviously made a wrong turn and ended up in the East Alligator River," she added.

"It's very tidal. It's quite shallow and we're all pretty keen to try to get this guy out," she told *Australian Broadcasting Corp.*

Options to persuade the whale to leave the river included using recorded whale calls or creating noise by banging the side of boats.

Whale call recordings have been used successfully to entice a humpback whale out of San Francisco Bay. Driving a whale away with noise from a lineup of boats worked in Australia's Tasmania island state.

"The crocodile wouldn't be used to seeing a humpback whale," Palmer said.

"The humpback whale is large enough that none of us think that the crocodiles are going to try to have a go at the humpback." Fowler said the whale or whales are probably becoming tired from swimming against strong tides to remain in the same part of the river. "We spoke to the Aboriginal elders who speak for that bit of country in Kakadu and they said there's no name for whales," Fowler said. "It's not recorded in their cultural history. They've never heard of this before."

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DAY'S DIARY

Birth anniversary

Sir M Visvesvaraya, popularly known as Sir MV, was an engineer, statesman, and a scholar. He was born on this day in 1861

NOTABLE PROJECTS

He was the chief engineer for the construction of the Krishna Raja Sagara Dam in Mysore. He was also the chief designer of the flood protection system for the city of Hyderabad

AWARDS

The British government conferred the Commander of the Order of the Indian Empire on Visvesvaraya in 1915. He also received the Bharat Ratna in 1955

ENGINEERS' DAY

The engineering community across India celebrates Engineers' Day on September 15 as a tribute to the greatest Indian engineer

Nishvika Naidu bags lead role in Murphy

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WORKING OUT MEASURES

Gyms are coming up with elaborate measures to woo back fitness fiends, with owners expressing confidence that the trickle of crowds will pick up pace soon

• Vidya Iyengar

Soon after gyms were given a go-ahead to reopen in August, Arjun Sharma signed up at LMNT in Whitefield. Despite the distance, the 29-year-old Ulsoor resident felt working out was key to fight the virus. While he had bought some basic home workout equipment during the lockdown, he wanted to get back to a structured fitness routine. "The crowd has come down by 50 per cent. People are still trickling in, but gyms are taking precautions. At the one I go to, no two people can use machines that are side by side. We've been asked to wear masks only if we come close to someone else," says Sharma, who is involved in his family business of logistics, and is also an actor.

It's been a month since gyms were allowed to re-open after an over five-month hiatus, but crowds are only slowly warming up to the idea. As Abinav Shankar Narayan, founder, Namma CrossFit, plans to start on Oct. 1, he has taken his classes outdoor to Cubbon Park. A survey among his 600-odd members revealed a divided opinion. As many as 33 per cent were ready to come back to the physical space, while another 33 per cent preferred outdoors, and the rest preferred coming back to an indoor space from January. "We are expecting a surge with fear slowly receding. People have realised that they are susceptible to contracting the infection due to reduced fitness levels," he says. While they had bought visors to be worn during workout, they've dropped the idea due to doctors' advice.

But masks or visors are mandatory at We Fitness in JP Nagar, where they have also done away with the AC and brought in sliding windows. "There is 30 per cent crowd compared to before. Even fitness enthusiasts are staying away because their family is not comfortable," says co-founder Rakesh SK. But what gives him hope is the 10 per cent growth from last week to this week. Gyms bags now contain multiple towels, sanitisers, mask and visor, and water bottles since water stations have closed. "We don't allow anyone whose oxygen saturation level is not above 95," he adds.

Sharma, who is on the committee of health club and swimming at Bowring Institute, plans to open the gym appointment-wise on Sept. 23. "Members can book 45-minute slots, and 10 minutes will be allotted for cleaning. Not more than six-eight members will be allowed at the same time," he says.

Celebrity fitness instructor Wanitha Ashok has decided to continue classes online for the next few months. "Group classes are a no-no. We have to take many batches, ACs can't be used and windows cannot be opened due to music. Unlike before, there are no takers," she says.

ON A BREAK

Not wanting to take the risk in these times, Soumya Venkatesh, who founded Jumplo, a bungee workout, last year, has decided to take a break. With the workout being all about aerial movement, Venkatesh didn't feel it made sense to carry on when they were still in the process of doing trials, considering they were new in the Indian market. "Almost 50 per cent of our members were kids, and our mainstay was childrens' birthday parties. With parents, understandably, not being comfortable to send their children now, we've taken an informed decision to re-open in better times," she says.

People are warming up to the idea of working out in gyms again in order to increase their fitness and immunity levels | Meghana Sastry

Arjun Sharma

Artwork submissions by participants

Priyanka Ulaganathan

Padmaja Nagarur

Towards a better tomorrow

• Monika Monalisa

What if our world was a different place? We all have often pondered this. And now, an art sale portal, Artflute, is giving people a chance to express these thoughts through art. They are collaborating with the city-based NGO, Dream a Dream, for a campaign called What If, which will throw light on the importance of education and how it can be made accessible. The campaign, which started towards August-end, has an open call for artists who can send their entries on reimagining education.

Padmaja Nagarur, co-founder, Artflute, says art has always been a medium to spread social messages and this initiative aims to do the same for education. "We want to find ways to merge art and social causes, so that both sectors can help each other as a community," says Nagarur, adding that the artists can "voice out" their 'what if' thoughts through the preferred or specialised medium of their choice.

Calling this campaign a part of a bigger movement, Priyanka Ulaganathan, curator of the show, says the open call is not just about reimagining education but to bring focus the systematic aspect of it. "We are trying to use art as a catalyst to keep this movement going, by getting attention from other aspects of society," says Ulaganathan, 25, who is an artist herself. While the plan was to have an exhibition of entries, the pandemic has made them take the digital route. But she hopes to reach a larger audience through a social media campaign. "The entries are going to be displayed on the social media page of Artflute and whatif-global.com," says Ulaganathan.

Last date for entries is Sept. 30.

CITY READ

Leadership development programme

The second edition of the Leadership Development Programme, for the senior management of the country's public sector banks, was inaugurated on Sept. 11 at Indian Institute of Management Bangalore during a live online event. A total of 66 managers from 11 sponsor banks will be a part of the intervention.

Singing high praises

• Monika Monalisa

We have come across many songs and tributes dedicated to Covid warriors, but this new one on the block is a special one. *Abhinandane* by Dr Shalmalee Suresh, which has already got more than 1.2 lakh views on YouTube, is all about saluting the will power of these warriors. But what makes this four-minute song special is that Suresh is also a frontline worker taking care of Covid positive patients.

Suresh, who started her internship at KC General Hospital, Malleswaram, in December 2019, didn't know the experience would stay with her for life. "I started with the casualty ward and then got posted to medicine. I was not prepared for this – there were days I stayed in hospitals for more than 24 hours and that too in PPE kits," says Suresh, whose internship got over in May.

After her internship, the 24-year-old spent some time away from the casualty ward but could not forget the effort put in by all the frontline workers. So much so that she was inspired to do a song on them. "Not just doctors, I also saw how security personnel and media professionals forgo their safety to do their duty. Since I am also into music and have been thinking of coming up with a song, I thought why not dedicate the first song to these bravehearts," says Suresh. The song is composed by SP Chandrakanth and is written by Sachin Shetty Kumble. But there's another reason behind the song, which was released in August. "It always helps when you are appreciated for your work. It helped me when I used to go for my shifts. I just tried to put myself in their shoes," adds Suresh. All the people in the video, which was shot in Vijaynagar, were actual frontline workers. "Whenever frontline workers came to this area we would request them to shoot for the video. Some shots were taken at my place so they feature my neighbours too," says Suresh.

Dr Shalmalee Suresh

IN FOCUS

Hovering too close: Short film zooms in on perils of helicopter parenting

• Vidya Iyengar

In the year 2005 in her role as a psychologist, Sujatha Balakrishnan came across an adolescent girl who was facing blurred vision, getting dreams of drowning and would wake up screaming and sweating in the middle of the night. As a swimmer, the young girl was rebelling against her parents who were pushing her towards pursuing mainstream courses like engineering and medicine. Peer pressure and a fallout with her close friend made this a case that Balakrishnan remembers vividly even to this day. In the last two months, Balakrishnan, the founder of Theatre for Change, has been working on a short film, *I Am Enough*, based on this incident. "It's dramatised for the screen, but there's a strong message we are trying to convey. We're living in an era of helicopter parenting where children's self worth is defined by their academic grades," she says.

Sujatha Balakrishnan

Balakrishnan, who has written the story and screenplay, has shot the 15-odd-minute long film in association with Being Productions . Directed by theatre person Pooja Pandey Tripathi, the camera and editing is by Usha Rao. "It reflects the negative effects of comparison in children. With a pinch of suspense, this film is certain to send out a strong message to parents in providing the space for holistic development. We are reaching out to parents to initiate a dialogue on this burning Indian education mania," she says.

A still from the film *I Am Enough*

The two friends are played by Satviki Tripathi as Sia, and Stuthi Rao as Shreya. Through them, Balakrishnan wants the film to highlight that there are many avenues that are respected, and that needs to be emphasised. She is also contemplating whether to go in for a public release or send it to film festivals.

Interestingly, Balakrishnan herself took to becoming a psychologist when she was having trouble with her teenage daughter's behavioural issues. "It was a turning point in my life, and I plan to make a film on the issues my daughter and I faced. That's for another time," she says.

QUICK FIX

What's cooking IN YOUR KITCHEN?

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SUTTA KATHRIKAI THUVAIYAL

INGREDIENTS

- **Big brinjal:** 2
- **Urad dal:** 1 tsp
- **Fenugreek seeds:** 1 tsp
- **Red chillies:** 4
- **Asafoetida:** a small piece
- **Tamarind:** a small ball
- **Salt** as required

METHOD

- Apply oil over the skin of the brinjal and heat it directly over the flame till the skin is charred.
- In a pan, pour oil and roast red chillies, asafoetida, fenugreek seeds and urad dal.
- Peel off the skin of brinjal and mash it.
- Grind all the roasted ingredients, mashed brinjal with salt and tamarind (water if required) into a paste.
- Season it with one tea spoon mustard seeds and asafoetida powder.

– by P Vijayalakshmi, Chennai

TWEET OF THE DAY

WHITE-BROWED FANTAIL (RHIPIDURA AUREOLA)

- Found across the Indian subcontinent and Southeast Asia.
- The fantail, as the name indicates, often fans its tail as it moves through bushes and undergrowth.
- It's known for its melodious whistling; contact call, on the other hand, is a harsh 'switch-wich'.
- It lays its eggs in cup-like nests on trees.

BRIGHT SPOT

SINGLE MOMS' SAVIOUR

For many kids from Hampton, Virgina, setting up lemonade stands this summer, was the first step toward learning what it means to earn your own money. For 11-year-old Cartier Carey, it was a chance to do a lot more. That's because Carey isn't using his profits to open a first savings account or saving up to buy himself a special treat. Instead, he's investing it back into his Hampton community. His goal is to help single mothers in need. With all the stress and financial uncertainty brought on by the pandemic, Carey decided to focus on the basics: diapers and wipes. The impetus for the project took root while Carey was visiting his grandmother who lives in one of the area's more economically depressed neighborhoods. Carey was taken aback by how many women were raising children on their own. By the end of July, he had raised close to $5,000 and distributed close to 6,500 diapers. As of September, at 22,000 diapers, he's close to achieving his total goal of 25,000.

Source: goodnewsnetwork.org

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Ravi, an attendant, has a love affair with Gowri, the daughter of the owner of his company. A set of events leads to him being jailed over a narcotic case. But he manages to flee with Gowri's help.
- Cast: Vikky Varun, Manvitha Harish

YAARE KOOGADALI
Kumara and Natesha escape from a mental hospital and come to the city. They are soon chased by a gangster while their actual truth is revealed.
- Cast: Puneeth Rajkumar, Bhavana

MYTHRI
Siddarama is one step away from winning a sum of ₹one crore in a game show hosted by his favourite actor Puneeth Rajkumar. However, scientist Mahadev Godke attempts to ruin his plans.
- Cast: Mohanlal, Puneeth Rajkumar

THILLU MULLU
Chandran lies to his boss that his mother is unwell to get a leave but gets caught. In order to save his job, he is forced to pretend to his boss that he has a good-for-nothing twin brother.
- Cast: Rajinikanth, Thengai Srinivasan, Sowcar Janaki, Madhavi

Scan this QR code to find out how your favourite celebs are coping with the lockdown.

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 THE BIG-BEAKED, ROCK-MUNCHING FISH THAT PROTECT CORAL REEFS BY MIKE GIL
As the sun rises over a quiet coral reef, one animal breaks the morning silence. Named for its vibrant scales and beak-like teeth, the parrotfish devours a particularly crunchy breakfast: rocks. Mike Gil explores how these quirky and flashy foragers play a key role in defending the essential coral reef ecosystem.

2 ARE GHOST SHIPS REAL? BY PETER B. CAMPBELL
In 1884, the British steamer "Rumney" crashed into the French ship "Frigorifique." Seeing their ship filling with water, the French crew climbed aboard the "Rumney." But as they sailed towards port, a silent form emerged from the fog, seemingly back for revenge. Peter B. Campbell investigates.

3 CAN YOU SOLVE THE HONEYBEE RIDDLE? BY DAN FINKEL
You're a biologist on a mission to keep the rare honeybee Apis Trifecta from going extinct. The last 60 bees of the species are in your terrarium. Can you help the bees create producing hives? Dan Finkel shows how.

4 HOW MUCH DOES A VIDEO WEIGH? BY MICHAEL STEVENS OF VSAUCE
What color is a mirror? How much does a video weigh? Michael Stevens, creator of the popular educational YouTube channel Vsauce, spends his day asking quirky questions like these. In this talk, he shows how asking the right – seemingly silly – questions can make incredibly effective lessons.

5 HOW TO GET BETTER AT THE THINGS YOU CARE ABOUT? BY EDUARDO BRICEÑO
Working hard but not improving? You're not alone. Eduardo Briceño reveals a simple way to think about getting better at the things you do, whether that's work, parenting or creative hobbies. And he shares some useful techniques so you can keep learning.

FIT BIT

YOGA MUDRASANA (YOGIC SEAL POSE)

In Sanskrit, 'yoga' means 'awareness', 'mudra' means 'seal' and 'asana' means 'pose'. This is a deep forward bend, and one of the best poses aimed at anti-ageing. It was practised by sages for its power to awaken the inner self. This pose elevates one's state of mind and promotes mental vitality. Stimulating the Manipura (solar plexus) chakra, which is the centre of vitality and aids in energy balance, it boosts energy levels and promotes overall health. It awakens the practitioner's Kundalini power, which promotes physical, mental and spiritual awareness. It demands stability and flexibility in knees, ankles and hip joints.

STEPS

- Sit in Padmasana or Sukhasana and relax the body by breathing normally.
- Hold your hands behind your back with your fingers interlocked. Focus on one point straight ahead, breath normally.
- You may also hold the wrist of the right hand with the left hand. Take a deep breath.
- Exhale slowly, bend your torso forward and try to touch the floor in front of you with the forehead or the nose.
- Make sure your spine is straight. If you cannot touch the ground, go as far as comfortable without any strain. Don't force the body.
- In the final position, breathe normally, concentrate on the whole body and relax with your awareness on the nostrils. Maintain the final position for 2 or 3 minutes or as long as you feel comfortable.
- Lift your forehead and while inhaling slowly raise your torso. Coming back into Padmasana. Inhale while returning to the starting pose.

BENEFITS

- An excellent pose for the abdominal organs which helps getting rid of constipation, useful in gastric conditions and improves the digestion system.
- Bringing your head down brings fresh blood to your head. It calms the brain and relieves anxiety, stress and mild depression.
- Helps to get rid of dysentery and stomach pain.
- Increases mental concentration and elevates the overall balance of the body.
- Helps prevent sagging of uterus and postnatal laxities.
- Helps prevent lung problems such as asthma.
- Helps to cure impotency in men.
- Lumbar pain will be alleviated.
- Reduces menopausal and menstrual disorders.

LIMITATIONS

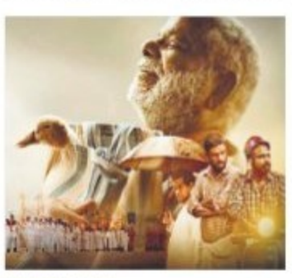
- Those suffering from sciatica, uncontrolled high blood pressure, any serious abdominal ailment, chronic heart conditions, diabetes and severe problems of eye, ankle, knee and shoulder, should avoid this.
- Pregnant women must consult a yoga expert. Women who have recently given birth should avoid it.
- Keep a 3-5 hour gap between the practice and meal.

– by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

ODEYA (Kannada)
Gajendra owns a transport company and also takes care of local residents, citizens and poor people with utmost care and affection. He and his four brothers lead a happy life helping the needy and protecting them from anti-social elements.
- Cast: Darshan, Sanah Thimmayyah, Yashas Surya
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

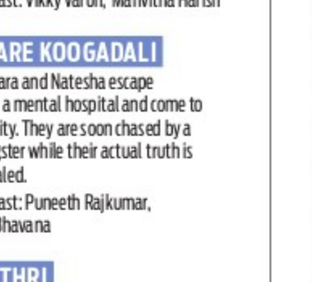


EE.MA.YAU. (Malayalam)
Set in Chellanam in the south Indian state of Kerala, the sudden death of Vavachan Mesthiri throws a family into turmoil as they scramble to plan his funeral.
- Cast: Chemban Vinod Jose, Vinayakan, Dileesh Pothan

Watch on: Amazon Prime

SIRUTHAI (Tamil)
A small-time thief turns over a new leaf when he ends up taking care of a little girl. Upon learning of her policeman father's heroic deeds, he decides to fight criminals and finish what he started.
- Cast: Karthi, Meghna Nair, Tamannaah, Santhanam
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

LOVE SONIA (Hindi)
When Sonia's debt-ridden father sells her sister, she sets out on a journey hoping to rescue her. Sonia's life takes an unusual turn when she gets trapped in the world of flesh trade.
- Cast: Mrunal Thakur, Freida Pinto, Richa Chadda
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar



THE WALLET (Hindi)
An unattended wallet keeps the secret of love, loyalty and passion. See what happens when Ayushman, a young man finds it and how the lives of Aasma and Samar change.
- Cast: Naseeruddin Shah, Navni Parihar, Gaurav Venkatesh
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

YUTHAM SEI (Tamil)
JK, a CID officer, is forced to take up a case while on a lookout for his own sister who is missing. While investigating, he realises there is more to the case and goes on to unveil the mystery.
- Cast: Cheran, Jaya Prakash, Dipa Shah
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

NATASAARVABHOWMA (Kannada)
An investigative journalist, Gagan, moves to Bengaluru and ends up living in a supposedly haunted house. Soon, he realises a change in his behaviour after falling prey to supernatural activities.
- Cast: Puneeth Rajkumar, Anupama Parameswaran, Rachita Ram, Avika Gor
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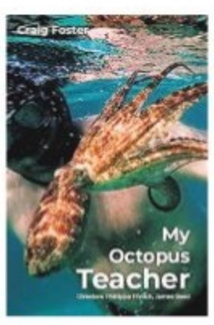

MY OCTOPUS TEACHER (English)
A diver swims with an octopus that lives in a kelp forest off the coast of South Africa.
- Cast: Craig Foster
- Watch on: Netflix

MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE – ROGUE NATION (English)
With the IMF disbanded and the CIA hunting him, Ethan and his team race against time to prove the existence of the Syndicate, a highly-skilled terror organisation, before they plan their next attack.
- Cast: Rebecca Ferguson, Tom Cruise, Simon Pegg, Jeremy Renner
- Watch on: Amazon Prime

THE PRESTIGE (English)
Two friends and fellow magicians become bitter enemies after a sudden tragedy. As they devote themselves to this rivalry, they make sacrifices that bring them fame but with terrible consequences.
- Cast: Christian Bale, Hugh Jackman, Scarlett Johansson, Michael Caine
- Watch on: Amazon Prime

SOMEBODY FEED PHIL (English, series)
Philip Rosenthal – joined by friends and family – visits cities that include Tel Aviv, Mexico City, New Orleans and Bangkok to get a taste of the local cuisine and culture at each stop on his journey.
- Cast: Phil Rosenthal, Monica Horan, Judy Gold
- Watch on: Netflix

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When the answers lie within

OPEN SPACE
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Four days, 58 lakh views, 4 lakh likes. That's the extent of the reach of actor Kangana Ranaut's Twitter post warning Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray to watch out for his arrogance to crumble. And this is just one social media platform. Only a few of those responses would have come from media persons. So you see, the problem is not the media. It is not Bollywood vs media. Or left vs right. The problem is us. It is our sense of discernment vs our sense of voyeurism.

Not so long ago, when mindless Hindi film dramas were panned by critics for dumbing down the audience, the movie fraternity was quick to jump to its own defence, saying this is what the viewers want to see. Cinema mirrors society, was the favourite explanation. Well, TRPs reflect people's choice too.

And this has been out for everyone to see for a long time now. It was apparent when Karan Johar's all-sparkle-no-soul *K3G* became a cult Hindi film. And when Ekta Kapoor's all-sparkle-no-soul *KG2K* became a cult television soap. The ones watching such creations with glee were no anomalies. They were you and me, our family members, neighbours, and colleagues. The same people who today are watching the media mayhem in the evening, and criticising it in the morning. Who watched and retweeted Kangana's video in which she addressed Thackeray and hailed her for her bravery (it's another matter that tum or aap don't exist in the vocabulary in many Indian dialects, and tu is used with as much love and respect), and then trash-talked about Sara Ali Khan. Or the other way around, depending upon which side of the argument we are on. We only give slanderous names to others' daughters, don't we?

Yes, it's all of us who stand by the window and listen intently when loud voices rush in of the couple living next door having yet another fight. Who stand in our balconies and watch as new neighbours move in, silently judging them by their furniture. We are the ones who lower voices and the guard when talking about a cousin's divorce, or a friend's extramarital affair, in their absence, of course.

And we don't need the media for any of that. Instagram accounts of celebrities, with their millions of followers eagerly lapping up their every gym look, and more so, their beach look, are enough evidence that the paparazzi culture in some of the western countries thrives for a reason. It's easy to lampoon the media for showing what Rhea Chakraborty was served for breakfast in the jail. But try scrolling down your Facebook on a Sunday morning without coming across a friend's post about "enjoying" chhole-bhature or cheese omelette.

The level of discourse has fallen in studios of news channels. But can you blame the media for that when the people using foul language against opponents are eminent politicians, 'subject experts' and even writers? And they are no gentle souls on their social media platforms either. Neither are the thousands of people responding to their posts. They are people among us, driving the discourse – and the TRPs.

In a democracy, we get the government we choose. We also get the media we make.

ILLUSTRATION : TAPAS RANJAN

Don't discard that worn out saree just yet. City-based designers are breathing new life into old clothes to make them festival ready

FROM REJECT TO REVAMP

● Monika Monalisa

Silk sarees stay in shape if they are worn regularly. And when it comes to sarees, we usually use it for one or two occasions. So I thought why not repurpose them by giving it a new look

—Latha Puttanna, designer

Slow fashion may be the new 'in' thing but it's not easy keeping up with trends at the same time. City-based designers, however, say otherwise. The current lull in sales has forced many designers to get creative, with them now having started in-house projects of revamping old sarees in customer's wardrobes. When it comes to designs on traditional Indian fabrics, designer Latha Puttanna's name needs no mention. While the designer has created heirloom pieces that could be passed on to different generations, she is also encouraging people to upcycle their old collection. Her label is calling for pre-owned Latha Puttanna sarees that they can repurpose into a salwar, lehenga, dupatta for girls or kurtas for men. "Silk sarees stay in perfect shape if they are worn regularly. And when it comes to sarees, we usually use it for one or two occasions. So I thought why not repurpose them by giving it a new look," says Puttanna, who has been running her label for 28 years. This idea also emerges from the understanding that women are usually attached to their sarees and don't want any touch ups. "We also offer to do a new blouse or redesign an old one," says Puttanna, who also hopes to help karigars with work at a time like this.

Another label Sakhi By Chandras, which turned 15 this year, had plans to come out with some special collections to mark this landmark year before the pandemic played spoil sport. But CEO Neeta Rajendran then came up another idea. "We usually see sarees being turned into lehengas or salwars, which is good but we are trying different styles like converting them into drape dresses. These are a one-piece gown with pleats, giving it the illusion of a saree," says Rajendran, adding that apart from that, many free flowing sarees can be turned into kaftans. "There are so many ways of revamping a saree. You can take the border off and put a new one, making it a completely different saree," says Rajendran, adding that the drape sarees start from ₹2,500 onwards.

Agrees Aditi Lal, who has a studio of her own label in Koramangala. "We have all have turned our mother's old sarees into dresses and worn them, so why not now. You don't have to stick to just Indian designs, you can make Indie dresses too. These look great for brunch," says Lal.

Designs by (clockwise from left) Latha Puttanna, Aditi Lal and Sakhi By Chandras

On the move to promote tourism

● Express Features

In an effort to revive tourism, Karnataka Tourism Forum along with Indian Motorcycle and Oakwood Premier Prestige Bangalore flagged off a motorcycle rally from Bengaluru to Mysuru on Saturday morning. The bikers were flagged off by Secretary, Tourism Department, T K Anil Kumar.

Titled 'Rally to Revive Tourism', the ride was planned to create awareness and publicise the fact that Karnataka is safe to travel as long as the new norms of social distancing and self-safety are followed. Participating in the rally were the 'Indian Motorcycle Riders Group' supported by Karnataka Tourism Forum and Oakwood Premier Prestige Bangalore.

The rally had riders who are businessmen and executives of corporations from Bengaluru who covered the distance of 143.4 km in about three hours.

Nailing the selfie

If you thought getting a perfect selfie is an easy job then Radhika Pandit's latest video on Instagram will make you think twice. The video shows her trying every possible angle to capture the perfect lighting. Any girl taking a selfie would surely relate to the video. The video was taken by Yash, and the post was captioned, "Well.. behind the scenes of every girl's 'selfie' life! How to get that perfect shot/angle!! Its definitely a task Dint know I was been secretly captured by a bored dad n daughter".

Sibling love

Sisters are always the perfect examples of the term 'frenemies'. Just ask actor Shanvi Srivastava, who shared a picture on Instagram of her with her sister Vidisha Srivastava. She uploaded the picture with a funny caption that read, "You+me = always =crazy =highest level of nonsense= identical brains= same vitals= same shoe size= love". To which her sister Vidisha replied, " Awww... It just that I am little more innocent."

Keeping your relationship in check

LOVEOLOGY
Mahesh Natarajan

How often do you check your health? There are general guidelines - we are supposed to check our physical health every couple of years in our 30s, atleast once a year in our 40s and 50s, and even more often after that. These health checks usually include everything from a complete blood work for liver function to cholesterol levels to white blood cells and everything else. It includes X-Rays, lung capacity test, treadmill tests, ECGs, and even EEGs. By the time we are in our 40s, we have learned enough about what we need to do to prevent future disasters, and are already popping a pill or few for something or the other, including a supplement or two, some nutritional and others, just to increase immunity.

Many corporate organisations require their employees to mandatorily check their health through Executive Health Checkup plans. The more generous organisations often offer even more health tests such as eye tests, hearing tests and so much more. They focus so much on our physical health, wanting to make sure that we are in the best of health and can work as well as we possibly can. Quite a few companies even extend these health checkups to all the immediate family, recognising that the health of our loved ones is just as important to us as our own and therefore, equally important for the employer as well.

On the other hand, how often do you check your relationship's health?

Very few of us really take the trouble to check our relationship for its health. Nothing very concrete. We might have a conversation or two, not much more than, "All fine?" or "Are you happy? Anything you need?" kind of open-ended questioning that elicits a little more than a nod or a reluctant "Yes, I suppose so!" or worse, "Why are you even asking? There's so much to do and I don't have the time to sit and do all this random talking! Now, whose turn is it to do the laundry?" or something mundane like that.

Pic for representational purpose

And do you see your organisation asking you anything about your relationship or family?

Quite likely not. Employers often treat relationships and families as totally private matters, and while they might organise family days and other events as part of the employee engagement process, chances are that the health of the relationship as such is seen as a completely private matter which the organisation doesn't get involved in at all. If the organisation can be invested in your spouse's blood sugar, thyroid levels and blood pressure, why aren't they equally invested in your relationship as a whole? Does it stem from a Victorian sense of privacy, an assumption that all things about a relationship are intimate and should not be talked about at all?

What would it be like if we all took as good and as hard a look at the health of our key relationships as often as we do on our bodies? What if our employers encouraged us to do that? Wouldn't that be wonderful?

The author is a counsellor with InnerSight

CITY READ

Varsity conducts undergraduate exams

Bangalore University has commenced final year examinations for 62,000 UG students. The final year students of over 600 affiliated colleges of BU, spread across five districts – Bangalore Urban, Bangalore Rural, Kolar, Chikkaballapura, Ramanagar – have taken examination in 205 centres. The colleges have been instructed to follow the standard operating procedures of sanitisation, masks and social distancing. The theory examinations will come to close by the first week of October. The practical examinations will be conducted after theory examinations over the next two weeks.

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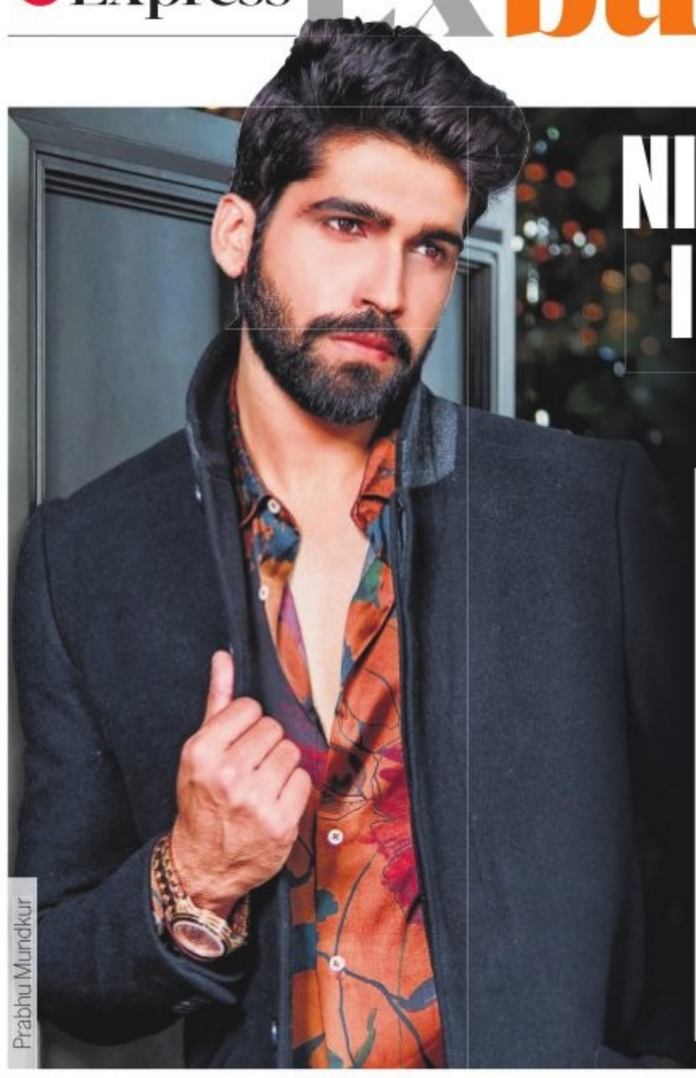

Prabhu Mundkur

NISHVIKA NAIDU BAGS LEAD ROLE IN ROMANTIC DRAMA, *MURPHY*

The *Gentleman* heroine is paired opposite *Urvi* actor Prabhu Mundkur in the film directed by Pradeep Varma

Nishvika Naidu

A Sharadhaa

URVI director B S Pradeep Varma and actor Prabhu Mundkur, who are teaming up for the romantic drama titled *Murphy*, have finalised Nishivika Naidu as the film's heroine. The Amma I Love You and *Padde Huli* actor was last seen in *Gentleman* starring Prajwal Devaraj. For Nishvika, who will also be seen in an important role in *Gaalipata 2*, this is the only project in hand. The team has officially confirmed that she is coming on board. *Murphy's* script has been penned by Pradeep Varma and co-written by actor Prabhu Mundkur. This is bringing the fresh combination of Prabhu Mundkur and Nishvika on the screen for the first time. Somanna, who is associated with Vikram Ravichandran's *Trivikrama*, will be producing *Murphy*. The makers are currently doing the preparation work for the project and will take it on floors from Jan. 14, 2021.

This is the fourth collaboration between the actor and the director. The duo had earlier come together for *Urvi*, which was their debut. They followed it with *Brahmi*, starring Suman Nagarkar and Anoosha Shankar. The two have also teamed up for *The Fallen*, which will be released on Netflix. It is now in the post-production stage. *Murphy* will be their fourth project. The team will also include Naveen Reddy, the director of films like *Akira* and *Relax Satya*, who will be writing the dialogues. Cinematographer Yogi will be cranking the camera for the film.

Sai Kumar to play Dhanveerah's father in *Bumper*

The film, directed by Hari Santhosh and produced by Suprith, will kick start in November

Dhanveerah

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HARI Santhosh's upcoming directorial, *Bumper*, has a new member on board -- Sai Kumar. The Dhanveerah-starrer will have the senior actor playing father to the hero. The dubbing artiste-turned-actor, who has been playing the variety of roles in south Indian films, will next be seen in Santhosh Anandramm's directorial, *Yuvarathnaa*, starring Puneeth Rajkumar. The makers of *Bumper* had recently released a teaser on the occasion of Dhanveerah's birthday, which has attracted lakhs of views. Suprith's first production venture was *Bharaate*, and *Bumper* will the producer's second outing. It had a grand launch on Jan. 15. The commercial entertainer will also feature *KGF* villain, Ramachandra Raju as antagonist. The team is in the process of finalising the heroine and the rest of the cast, is planning to start the project in November. The technical crew also includes Ajaneesh B Loknath as the music composer, and *Mufti* cinematographer Naveen Kumar.

Kangana Ranaut heads to Manali, says 'Leaving Mumbai with a heavy heart'

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Kangana Ranaut returned to hometown Manali today, amid rising tension in her relationship with the Shiv Sena-led Maharashtra government.

"With a heavy heart leaving Mumbai. The way I was terrorised all these days - constant attacks and abuses hurled at me, attempts to break my house after my work place, alert security with lethal weapons around me - must say my analogy about POK was bang on," the actor tweeted from her verified account this morning.

On Sunday afternoon, Kangana and her sister Rangoli met Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari at Raj Bhavan.

Following her meeting, Kangana had expressed in a tweet: "A short while ago I met His Excellency the Governor of Maharashtra Shri Bhagat Singh Koshyari Ji. I explained my point of view to him and also requested that justice be given to me, it will restore faith of common citizen and particularly daughters in the system."

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Khaali Peeli: Makers change Beyonce Sharma *Jayegi* to *Duniya Sharma Jayegi* after backlash

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Following severe backlash, the makers of *Khaali Peeli* have changed the song *Beyoncé Sharma Jayegi* to *Duniya Sharma Jayegi*. The song, which dropped last week and featured Ananya Panday and Ishaan Khatter in the music video, was criticised for its racial overtones. The track, written by Kumaar and Raj Shekhar and composed by Vishal-Shekhar, was slammed for calling Ananya's character a 'goriya' (fair-skinned girl) who would put 'Beyoncé to shame'.

"We have made the film to entertain audiences and not to offend or hurt anyone," director Maqbool Khan said in a statement. "Since our lyrical arrangement did not go well with few people, we thought why not keeping the essence the same, change the song a little bit."

The makers have uploaded the altered version *Duniya Sharma Jayegi* on YouTube. The beat and musical arrangement of the song stay the same. The producers plan to drop another track from the film in a few days.

Khaali Peeli is set for a simultaneous multi-format release on October 2 on the new pay-per-view service Zee Plex. The film also stars Jaideep Ahlawat as the antagonist.

A still from the

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Ryan Murphy's *The Prom* to premiere on Netflix in December

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Director Ryan Murphy has announced that his upcoming Netflix adaption of Broadway musical *The Prom* will premiere on the streaming platform on December 11.

"On December 11, let Netflix take you to *The Prom* you didn't get this year," Murphy wrote on his social media page captioning the flashy sign highlighting the star-studded cast including Meryl Streep, James Corden, Nicole Kidman and Kerry Washington.

The Prom, which debuted as a Broadway play in 2018, focuses on four Broadway actors who visit an Indiana town to help out a lesbian student barred from bringing her girlfriend to the prom.

It was based on an original concept by Jack Viertel with music by Matthew Sklar and lyrics by Chad Beguelin. The film will be Murphy's first project under his new deal with Netflix.

Producers of the musical, Bill Damaschke, Dori Bernstein and Casey Nicholaw, along with songwriter Sklar and book writers Bob Martin and Beguelin are also onboard the feature project.

Shooting for *The Prom* was almost complete when the coronavirus-induced lockdown was announced in the country. Murphy filmed the remaining portions soon after the films, TV and web shows were given permission to start production amid the pandemic, with the safety measures in place.

Aaron Sorkin's *The Trial of The Chicago 7* trailer out

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Aaron Sorkin's T*he Trial of The Chicago 7* is all set for release on Netflix on October 16. And now, the trailer of the legal drama has been unveiled and has received a huge thumbs up online.

Based on the real story of Chicago Seven, an anti-Vietnam war group consisting of seven members, the film was written by Sorkin way back in 2007. The Chicago Seven was accused of conspiracy in 1969 and inciting riots by the federal government back then.

The film's cast features many talented actors including Yahya Abdul-Mateen II, Sacha Baron Cohen, Danny Flaherty, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Michael Keaton, Frank Langella, John Carroll Lynch, Eddie Redmayne, Noah Robbins, Mark Rylance, Alex Sharp, and Jeremy Strong.

Aaron Sorkin is an Academy-Award winning screenwriter known for his films *The Social Network, Steve Jobs,* and *Charlie Wilson's War.* He has also created popular series like *The Newsroom* and *The West Wing.*

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